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All members of the congregation

The Celebration of Worship Communion Sunday

January 21, 2017

10:30 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,
and information about child care are available from any usher.



If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

Psalm 62:5-12

PRELUDE

Intermezzo
Fred Gaul, organist

Robert Thygerson

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

The children will present the bread they made in Communion Workshop.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

Patient God, day by day You call us to serve You. Often Your voice is drowned out by the noise we create that isolates us from You and those around us: the noise of our TV's, our iPods, our sound systems; the noise of our political pundits, our marketing gurus, and even our own voices. Forgive us, we pray. Quiet us, God, and teach us to listen for Your voice, that we may know ourselves in You, and know what You would have us be and do to Your glory.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so you may greet each other by name.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Christian Johnson

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Communion

Lani Smith

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to You. All we are and all we have are Yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love. Use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
EPISTLE LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5; Pew Bible, OT, p. 860
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Pew Bible, NT, p. 170

Christian Johnson

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40; Pew Bible, NT, p. 25

Bill McCoy

SERMON

First Things

Bill McCoy

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Come just as you are. Hear the Spi - rit call. _____

Come just as you are. Come and see, come re-ceive, come and live _____ for - ev - er!

Life ev - er - last - ing, and strength for to - day, _____

Taste _____ the Liv - ing Wa - ter _____ and nev - er thirst a - gain.

Come just as you are. Hear the Spir - it call. _____

Come just as you are. Come and see, come re-ceive, come and live _____ for - ev - er!

Come and see, come re-ceive, come and live _____ for - ev - er - more.

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Salutation: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sursum Corda: Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts!
 Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - - - ry.
 Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

Eucharistic Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Christian Johnson

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements (Gluten-free wafers are located in the center of each bread plate.)

Anthem for Communion Canticle of the Turning *arr. John Ferguson*
 (Words are found on p. 100 in your hymnal.)
 The Geneva Choir

*CONCLUDING HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PARTING

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
 with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach

We gather to worship,
 We scatter to serve,
 In the relentless love of Christ.

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In worship leadership last Sunday: We thank Alicia Raab for chiming the Trinity and Kiera Daugherty and Ruth Odin for serving as acolytes during worship January 14.

Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel; please accompany children.

Childcare: Nursery and Rooms 112 and 114

Elder visitation: Sallie Daugherty, Art Doumaux, Jesse Forbes

The flowers in the Sanctuary today remind us that a contribution has been given to the Hunger Fund for the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lindsay Anne Strader, daughter and stepdaughter of Dave and Candy Strader.

Greeters today: Bonnie Brothers, Naomi Krieg, Brian and Pam Healy

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