

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

### ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN (9:00 am Worship)

Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old by September 1, 2011 through grade 2, are welcome to leave for special programs; 3's 4's and kindergarten in Westminster Hall: Grades 1 and 2 in Room 11. Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Sunday School classrooms at the conclusion of these programs. Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) is available in Rooms 101 and 102 throughout the service.

### (11:15 am Worship)

At the 11:15 am Worship Service, since there is no children's message, young children are welcome to sit with their families throughout worship. There is childcare available in the following rooms: infants—1 year old in Room 102, 2 years—kindergarten in Room 101.

### SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

We provide childcare on Sundays for each worship service and for the educational hour in between. Childcare runs continually from 8:30 am until 12:15 pm in both rooms. Room 102 is for infants through walking toddlers. Room 101 is for Toddlers around age 2 through age 3. Our rooms are staffed by paid and volunteer caregivers.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH (A complete list of children/youth classes is posted in the hallways and printed on flyers in the back of the Sanctuary).

- 1) Creative Movement and Music (ages 3-K) in Westminster Hall following the Children's Message at the 9:00 worship service.
- 2) Children and Worship (Grades 1-2) meets in Room 11 following the Children's Message at the 9:00 worship service. Children are then picked up by their teachers and taken to Sunday School.
- 3) Sunday School Classes for all children and youth meet at 10:00 am following the service.

### ADULT EDUCATION

#### "The Great Cloud of Witnesses"

We will discuss issues of faith and giving as presented by the Financial Affairs Ministry. Hebrews 12:1 states "Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses to the life of faith. . ." This cloud comprises Biblical persons such as Abraham and Sarah who followed God. We inherited a faith built on such lives. This Faith includes financial responsibility to God's gifts. We discuss this aspect in Westminster Hall at 10:15 am.

#### "Heaven is for Real"

John Rodgers discusses this recent popular book. It raises several questions for Christians and non-Christians alike. Written by Methodist pastor Todd Burpo, it is the story of his 4-year old son, Colton, who had a near death experience following surgery. The book raises questions on what heaven is like and will we recognize loved ones there. Also, more generally, how does God communicate with us now, and why would He choose now to reveal to us the information that Colton provided. Join us in Room 10 at 10:15 am.

#### "The Bible: Start to Finish"

Bruce Knoll resumes a Fall Sunday morning Bible Study. The focus will be an overview of the whole Bible, and seeing how its various books combine to form a cohesive unity. We'll start with Genesis, working all the way through to Revelation. With each book we'll cross-reference the other books in the Bible and put them in their historical context. We meet at 10:15 am in Room 11.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AND 11:15 AM WORSHIP

### Gathering Around the Word

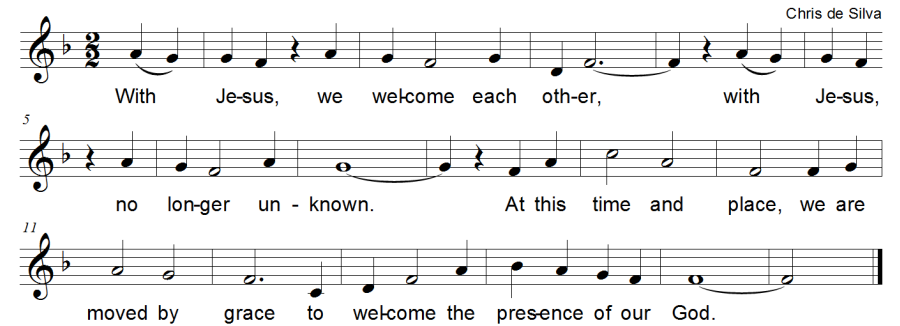
PRELUDE "Tuba Tune" -C.S. Lang

OPENING WORDS Susan Reisinger

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION AND PRAYER  
"Improvisation on 'Forest Green'" -Paul Manz

INTROIT Welcome

Chris de Silva



With Je-sus, we welcome each oth-er, with Je-sus,  
no lon-ger un - known. At this time and place, we are  
moved by grace to welcome the presence of our God.

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With steadfast love and growing faith,

People: **We come as the people of Christ.**

Leader: With prayers of hope and songs of joy,

People: **We come to worship God, the eternal and ever-loving.**

Leader: With thankful hearts and humble prayers,

People: **We come to give God glory and praise.**

All: **Here we are together as people of faith and hope to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 412 "Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"

### CONFESSION OF SIN

**Mighty and merciful God, in our minds, we believe we are attentive to those who are hungry or thirsty, welcoming to strangers we encounter, caregivers for those who are ill and friend to those who are imprisoned. But in our hearts,**

we know that we more often avert our eyes, pretending not to see the homeless person, avoiding anyone who is different, and staying away from those who are suffering because we don't know what to say. Forgive us for when we did not recognize you in the face of a stranger. Open our hearts so that we might see the stranger with your eyes and strive to be your hands and feet in the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carrie Koch

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Leviticus 19:33-37

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ANTHEM (9:00) "No Longer Strangers"

-David Haas

Chancel Choir

(11:15) "Hymn Medley"

-Ray Fortunato

Ray Fortunato and Jack McKinley

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

Deannine Shipman

(9:00 am—see "Children in Worship")

(9:00) SING THE FAITH NO. 2233

"Where Children Belong"

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 2:11-17

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SERMON

"Who Are They?"

Susan Reisinger

\*HYMN No. 407

"When a Poor One"

Responding to the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. Please take a moment to sign the pew pad and pass it along to your neighbor, and then pass it back so that you may take the opportunity to greet those sitting near you after the service. Please provide your address and your e-mail address so that we may contact you about upcoming events that may be of interest to you.

OFFERING

Offertory "Interlude"

-David Lord

\*Doxology

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

Sing the Faith Hymn 2223 (v. 4)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

CALL TO PRAYER

Come, bring your burdens

Words & melody: South African traditional, from the singing of the Mooiplaas congregation  
Arrangement: Wellele Sigabi, South Africa, transcribed by Barbara Clark, Mairi Munro & Martine Stemerick

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

\*SING THE FAITH NO. 2243

"We All Are One in Mission"

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

(9:00)

"Amen"

-John Carter

(11:15)

"Song of Hope"

Hymn No.432

May the God of hope go with us every day,

Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,

Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all

Working for a world that's new,

Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE