

Traditional Service Order - 9:30 a.m. September 25, 2011

WE GATHER

Large print bulletins and hymnals (red cover) as well as FM receivers are available from an usher to help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible. If you want to share a prayer request, take a card from the pew rack, fill it out and during the prayer hymn hold it up for the usher to collect. *Please stand as you are able at asterisk.

WELCOME Pastor

MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD “Here I Am to Worship” Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP by Ann B. Day Responsive

Leader: Sisters and brothers, as we gather in the welcome of God’s love,
as we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ,
as we gather in the power of the Spirit, let us listen for the voice of God!

People: Let us worship God, who has spoken and still speaks to those who attend to the roar or the whisper of the Holy One. Amen!

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*HYMN OF PRAISE “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise” No. 103

*OPENING PRAYER Unison

Almighty God, in a world of change you have placed eternity in our hearts and given us the power to discern good from evil: Grant us sincerity to persistently seek the things that endure and refuse those which perish. Amid things vanishing and deceptive, let us see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully, and grow ever richer in that love which is the source of all life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH Michael Eggleston

Children are invited to the chancel for this time. Following it, children ages 3 through 5th grade may leave for Kid’s Club.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

MESSAGE IN MUSIC Delshawn Taylor

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 13:1-10 Linda Sanders, Liturgist

SERMON “Duty and Debt” Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Hymn “Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated” No. 399

Ushers will collect prayer cards, or you may bring yours up to and/or pray at the altar.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Morning Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Pastor

Unison

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Announcements and Invitation to Share

The Offertory “Pastorale on ‘How Great Thou Art’” - Linker Organist

*The Doxology No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor

WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD’S WORLD

*SENDING HYMN “O Jesus, I Have Promised” No. 396

*BENEDICTION Pastor

POSTLUDE “Recessional” - Handel Organist

Casual Worship Service - Family Life Center *(Going on simultaneously)*

Casual Speaker Today:

Mike Warneke’s Sermon: “God’s Economy” - Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

NEXT SUNDAY: One Service for World Communion Sunday

Rev. Easley preaching – Also Consecration Sunday

Sermon: “Giving with No Strings Attached” - Scripture: Romans 12:1-8

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We welcome all to worship today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to stop by our Visitors Welcome Station.

Access & Parking: Our elevator is at the west entrance; handicapped parking is nearby off Franklin St. Other parking is across Mary St. from the church, around the Family Life Center and at Edgar & Michigan Streets. We may also use Deaconess Hospital and Berry Plastics’ lots.

Nametags help members and visitors. Wear yours each Sunday; then leave it on a rack for next Sunday. If you need one, notify the church office.

Have you remembered Central in your will? Bequests show ultimate caring. You may designate your gift as you wish. Undesignated bequests go half to Endowment (earnings of which support building maintenance & local missions) and half to fund major needs.

2011 CHURCH GOAL: Growth in Membership, Discipleship, and Service through Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.

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“Duty and Debt”

Romans 13:1-10