

October 27, 2013

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked \* those who are able are invited to stand.)

## Approach

Gathering Song VU #583 - "Jesus Came a Child Like Me"

Call to Worship

- One: The voice of Christ resounds in this place filling our sanctuary with words of love and hope.
- All: We will sing for joy!
- One: The voice of Christ resounds in this place calling us to acts of daring and compassion.
- All: We are ready for the challenge. We are ready to worship!
- Hymn VU #389 "God is Here"

## Prayer of Approach and Confession

God of mystery and intimacy, you invite us to be so close to you. You envelop us in a love that understands and forgives. We are so grateful to be part of the family of faith. Together we can wrestle with all the questions and dilemmas of our lives and trust that the Spirit of Christ will bring us to a place of peace. Together we are able to do the work of Christ bringing hope and justice to others.

We know we are not different from Christians in every generation before us or those who will follow us. We make mistakes. We get hurt and angry. We lash out and we ignore. Forgive our shortcomings and mold us into a more Christ-like faith. Trusting in your grace, we pray. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time / Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU #399 – "God Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us"

## The Word

Scripture Readings – Habakkuk 2: 1-4
Romans 1: 16-17
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Sermon – "A People of Faith" The Rev. Dr. Lovett Weems (a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem -- "Wake Up, Church, Wake Up"

## The Response

Offering / Response (VU #552) For food in a world where many walk in hunger, For friends in a world where many walk alone, For faith in a world where many walk in fear, We give you thanks, O God.

Pastoral Prayer

- \* Hymn VU #528 "God of Life"
  - Benediction / Response (VU #575) I'm gonna live So God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live So God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Luci Toews, Church Administrator Myrna Hagues, Organist Sylvia Cassie, Liturgist Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister Laura Steidl, Music Director Gina Grant, Custodian

Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers

Ushers: Evelyn & Gary Day Greeters: Jan & Guy Jeanson