

NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2009

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

† All who are able please stand

GATHERING My Lord, What a Morning # 708

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Evan Shaw

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING IN SILENCE Be Still, My Soul # 566
(Verse 1)

A time of silence in which we open ourselves to God's presence, attending to God at the center of our being and in the midst of the community.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The time has arrived! The reign of God is here and now!

People: We are watching and waiting for the realm of God.

Leader: The time is now. The kingdom of God is here!

People: We are seeking the good news.

Leader: Believe the good news! The dreams of God are alive, right here!

People: We are searching for work to do in God's world.

Leader: The moment has come. Let us fish for people!

People: God's realm is alive in this world! The long-awaited day is here!

† **HYMN** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty # 25

† **STATEMENT OF MERCY**

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

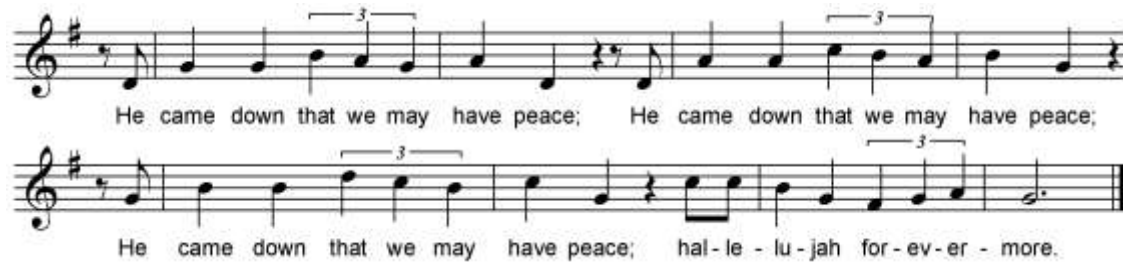
God who calls, in Jesus you come to the lakeshores of our lives.

We are busy fishing away, casting our nets and hoping for big hauls, great catches of money, respect, and possessions. We resist answering the One who, smiling, calls our names.

Have mercy on us. Open our ears and turn us toward our Lord. Bring us away from our nets full of unfulfilling things. Help us to follow Jesus, and with him, share the good news of abundant life in you. Amen.

† **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

† **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** He Came Down Cameroon



He came down that we may have peace; He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

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† **THE PEACE** Turn and greet one another with a handclasp, saying:
“The peace of Christ be with you”, and answering, “And also with you.”

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Sandy Wilson
#711

O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines
(Verse 1 as children gather; verse 2 as they depart)

Children, preschool through 5th grade, are invited forward for the Children’s Sermon. Afterward, children grades 3 - 5 may return to their seats to continue worship. Children preschool – 2nd grade may go to LL 11 for Children’s Worship.

FIRST READING Acts 11:19-26 NT Page 127

SECOND READING Mark 1:14-22 NT Page 34

MUSICAL OFFERING *God’s Gonna Set This World on Fire* Moses Hogan
Chancel Choir

SERMON Dr. Lanny C. Lawler

† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those wishing to become members of North Christian Church are invited to join the minister at the front of the sanctuary during the singing of the hymn. New members are welcomed in a first time profession of faith or by transfer of membership. All forms of Christian baptism are recognized.

† **HYMN** Here I Am, Lord # 452

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

COMMUNION HYMN Let Us Break Break Together # 425

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING

Lobe Den Herren

Walther

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Introductory Dialogue

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sheryl Elston, Elder

The 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Persons of all denominations are invited to the Table of the Lord. The bread is received individually; the deacon retains the tray as worshippers pass the loaf to those seated next to them. The cup is retained for partaking in unison following the Memorial Acclamation by the minister.

Memorial Acclamation

Christ Has Died

Haugen



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Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **HYMN**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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† **TAKING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

Evan Shaw

† **CHARGE**

† **POSTLUDE**

Lobe Den Herren

Micheelsen