

NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2009

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

† All who are able please stand

GATHERING Now We Come Before God's Presence # 410

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Kyra Staley

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: Give thanks to God with all your heart.

People: We come full of awe at God's marvelous works.

Leader: Give thanks to God with all your mind.

People: We come to learn God's wisdom and righteousness.

Leader: Give thanks to God with all your strength.

People: We come to live in God's mercy and grace.

Leader: Let us worship God with all that we are.

† **HYMN** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee # 2

† STATEMENT OF MERCY

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Mighty God, surely awe for you is the beginning of wisdom. But we want to trust in our own knowledge.

People: Lord Jesus, defeat the doubts that trouble us.

Leader: Eternal God, the Scriptures tell us that you spoke to your people through Moses and the prophets. But we doubt that you speak today.

People: Lord Jesus, defeat the doubts that trouble us.

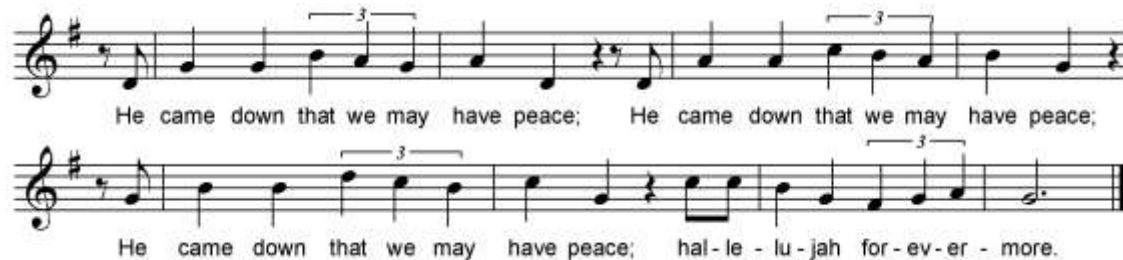
Leader: Holy God, we hear the stories of Jesus casting out demons. But we doubt that you hear our prayers for healing.

People: Lord Jesus, defeat the doubts that trouble us.

Leader: Forgive our doubts, and teach us with authority, that we might spread your fame!

† 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

MUSICAL OFFERING Psalm 103: 1-5, 11-18 # 752
Chancel Choir and Congregation

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Sandy Welliver
Bless the Lord Andrae Crouch
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 Deuteronomy 18:15-20 OT Page 174

SECOND READING Mark 1:21-28 NT Page 34

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** Healer of our Ev’ry Ill # 506

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

COMMUNION HYMN Now We Come Before God’s Presence # 410

OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision

Cherwien

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

Caroline Cox-Smith, 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**

Be Thou My Vision

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

Kyra Staley

† **CHARGE**

† **POSTLUDE**

Prelude in A

J.S. Bach