

NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 15, 2009

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

† All who are able please stand

GATHERING Healer of our Ev'ry Ill # 506

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Rebecca McAvoy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mardi Gras Pitch-In
Luke 10: Guiding Team

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: In God's world, all things are possible.

People: Those called unclean are made whole.

Leader: The weak become strong.

People: Night yields to day.

Leader: Mourning grows into dancing.

People: Joy comes from weeping.

Leader: Calls for help bring God's certain answer.

People: In God's world, all things are possible.

† **HYMN** Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven # 23

† **STATEMENT OF MERCY**

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creator God, you give wisdom to those who serve, but we would rather be served. We search for easy answers and fast tracks, even in our work on your behalf. We do not make time to study and pray that we may discern your leading.

Forgive us. Slow us down, that we may seek your wisdom. Teach us that you are indeed among us, and show us the way to faithful living. 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

Debbie Burnett

Sing Amen

30

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

Mark 1:40-45

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SECOND READING

2 Kings 5:1-14

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MUSICAL OFFERING

Our God is a God who makes friends
Joyful Noise Children’s Choir

Canadian/Suderman

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**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING

Bless the Lord, O My Soul
Chancel Choir

Nygaard

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

Debbie Burnett, 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**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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

Rebecca McAvoy

† **CHARGE**

† **POSTLUDE**

Nettleton

Farlee