

# NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

(Disciples of Christ)

March 29, 2009

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

† All who are able please stand

PRELUDE

*Schmücke dich*

Brahms

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Justin Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING IN SILENCE

Peace Before Us

David Hass

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.



\*Love/Light/Christ

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I am doing a new thing, says our God.

People: **We will answer God with new hearts.**

Leader: Seek me, and desire truth and mercy, calls our God.

People: **With our whole lives, we will hear God's voice.**

Leader: If a grain of wheat dies, it grows into new life, promises Jesus.

People: **We will seek to let go, and to grow deeper into faith.**

Leader: If you wish to follow me, become servants, Jesus tells us.

People: **We will live a life of service, following him.**

† HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

# 56

† STATEMENT OF MERCY

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious God, we have all we need, but we want more. We want cars and houses and clothes and toys.

People: **Create in us clean hearts, O God.**

Leader: We want to be on the winning team.

People: **Create in us clean hearts, O God.**

Leader: We want everyone to like us all the time.

People: **Create in us clean hearts, O God.**

Leader Have mercy on us. Put your Holy Spirit in our hearts and keep us close to you.  
Help us to be grateful for your love.

People: Amen.

† **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

† **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** Glory Be to the Father # 36

† **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** Sing Amen # 30 Trudi Ellison-Kendall  
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** John 12:20-33 NT Page 104

**SECOND READING** Jeremiah 31:31-34 OT Page 721

**MUSICAL OFFERING** *Psalm 51*  
Please join the cantor in the refrain when invited



**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** Be Thou My Vision # 595

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
Blessing of the Prayer Shawls  
Thanksgiving over the Anointing Oil

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**COMMUNION HYMN** O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near # 399

**OFFERING***Air*

Handel

**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

# 48

**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

Live in Charity

# 523

Continue to sing as you come forward. Partake by intinction when you reach the serving station; break off a piece of the loaf and dip it in the chalice, then eat. After partaking of the bread and wine, you may kneel on the kneelers if you desire to be anointed. If you cannot kneel, you may stand by the kneelers. If you have a specific prayer request for healing, tell the ministers at this time. After praying and anointing, you may return to your seat..

Prayer, Laying on of hands, and Anointing with Oil

Prayer after Communion

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**† **HYMN**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

# 560

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

Justin Monroe

† **CHARGE**† **POSTLUDE***Showalter*

Hampton

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