

NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2009

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

† All who are able please stand

PRELUDE

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

Johannes Walther

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Elizabeth McAvoy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING IN SILENCE

Come and Find the Quiet Center (verse 1)

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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 bread of heaven, the food of life, awaits us here.

People: We are hungry and long for God's abundance.

Leader: The promise of deep forgiveness surrounds us here.

People: We are lost and yearning to be found.

Leader: God waits to pour out the gifts of the Spirit,

People: that we might live the life of faith.

Leader: Come let us worship God.

† HYMN

God Is Here!

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† STATEMENT OF MERCY

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Eternal God, you desire truth in our very beings. We treat others unjustly, but do not admit our sin against you.

People: Put a new and right spirit within us.

Leader: We are outraged when someone else is unjust, but do not admit our own guilt here.

People: Put a new and right spirit within us.

Leader: We demand punishment for others, but do not admit our own fear of punishment.

People: Put a new and right spirit within us.

Leader: O God, teach us again that you desire honesty of heart.

People: Forgive us; put a new and right spirit within us, and open our lips to declare your praise.

† DECLARATION OF PARDON

† **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** Glory to God Peru

† **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

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Sandy Wilson

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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 6:24-35

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SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

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MUSICAL OFFERING

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Claire Jones and Carol Jones

Dorsey

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** Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race # 485

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
Claire Jones and Carol Jones

Morris

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 Van Deventer, 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

Santo, Santo, Santo
(Holy, Holy, Holy)

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Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **HYMN** May the God of Hope Go With Us Every Day Insert

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

† **CHARGE**

† **POSTLUDE** *O That I Had a Thousand Voices* Paul Manz

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MUSIC INSERT

† HYMN

May the God of Hope Go With Us Every Day

Argentina (trad.)



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day,___ fill - ing all our lives with love and



joy and peace. ___ May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way, ___



bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race. ___

Refrain



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, ___ share our



joy with all: ___ work - ing ___ for a world that's new, ___



faith - ful ___ when we hear Christ's call. ___