

January 16, 2011

10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:29-42

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON

“Come and See”

Rev. Stephen Cady

INTROIT

*HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

UMH No. 430

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come today, some from deserts of loneliness and alienation.

P: We come seeking comfort and sustenance.

L: We come today, some fearful for our lives, our health, our sanity.

P: We come seeking healing and confidence.

L: We come to lay our body, mind, and soul into God's loving hands.

P: We come to praise God with thanksgiving, even in the midst of trials.

*HYMN *“Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above”* UMH No. 126

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, make us wise enough to honestly look at our lives and consider the direction in which we are moving, the foundation upon which we are building. Lord, make us wise enough to listen to our lives so that we may hear your creative Spirit at work within us. Lord, make us wise enough to embody your word in our lives in all that we do and say. Lord, make us wise in your way and so to live as you have made us. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION *“Lead Me, Lord”*

UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

(In response to God's love, we offer our gifts, reflecting on what God has done in our lives this week.)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We offer ourselves and our gifts, O Lord, in thanksgiving for your care and nurture no matter what we may encounter in life. Expand our vision that is often limited by obstacles and frustrations that we may embrace new possibilities. We rededicate ourselves to the quest to be the people you created us to be. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing to serve you and your people. Amen.

*HYMN

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

UMH No. 560

*CIRCLE OF LOVE *o Blest Be the Tie That Binds* No. 557, v. 1

*LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.