

January 23, 2011

10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 4:12-23*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON ***“No Time Like the Present”*** Rev. Stephen Cady

INTROIT

*HYMN *“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”* UMH No. 430

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 27*)

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P: Why should we be afraid?

L: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

P: What have we to fear?

L: Let us shout with joy to God!

P: Let us sing and make music before our God.

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 CONFESSION

God of love, we hear your call to follow. May we see that the foolishness of your word is more powerful than the wisdom of this world. May we lay aside our differences for the sake of the gospel. Your realm of light and life has drawn near; we hear your word of truth. Turn our hearts toward you and give us the wisdom to walk in your ways.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow. May these gifts be used to continue to share the news of God’s love. May they help to cast the nets of grace wide, that all may see the glory of God. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

*HYMN *“Christ to the World We Sing”* UMH No. 568

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.**

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*LORD’S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION *“Lead Me, Lord”* UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

*Those who are able, please stand.