

February 27, 2011

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Do not worry about your life, for we are held in the palm of God's hand.

P: We gather this day as people of hope, striving to trust in God's care.

L: Do not fret about the clothes you will wear, for we are clothed in the loving compassion of Christ.

P: We gather this day as people of hope, striving to trust in God's grace.

L: Do not think about what you will eat, for we are filled with the Spirit of God.

P: We gather this day as people of hope, striving for the kingdom of God. Amen.

***HYMN** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* UMH No. 139

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sing for joy with heaven and earth!

But we are haunted by worry and doubt.

Break forth into song with the mountains and hills!

But we are caught in valleys of darkness.

Trust in our God, who cares for us all.

But we are burdened by loads too heavy to bear.

God cares for our burdens and lifts up our hearts.

But we are weary and lonely for help.

Trust in Christ Jesus, who has borne all our grief and has written our names in the palm of God's hand. We are forgiven, cared for, and loved.

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Sing for joy with heaven and earth! We are forgiven, cared for, and loved!

MOMENT OF SILENCE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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

MISSION MOMENT**

Ryan Krauss

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 6:24-34*

SERMON *"The Anxiety of Now"* Rev. Stephen Cady

***HYMN** *"Be Still, My Soul"* UMH No. 534

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** **Compassionate God, imbue these gifts with your grace and your care. Inscribe your very name on the ministries and the people that these gifts will support. Let them become signs of hope for those in despair, a light for the journey when darkness descends. Amen.**

***HYMN** *"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"* UMH No. 129

***CIRCLE OF LOVE** *Lift Every Voice and Sing, 519*

***LORD'S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE**