

September 11, 2011

10:00 a.m.

****MISSION MOMENT**

Sara DeVries

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 46 and Exodus 15*

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

P: Therefore we will not fear,

L: though the earth should change, and the mountains shake.

P: God is our refuge and strength.

L: Though the waters roar and our security threatened,

P: God is our refuge and strength.

L: The LORD is our strength and our might,

P: God has become our salvation;

L: This is our God in whom we find our home.

P: Come, let us praise the Lord. Amen.

***HYMN** *"It Is Well with My Soul"* UMH No. 377

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **God our hope and refuge, we confess that anger and hatred have held on to us. Healing has begun, but loss is still real. We are not in control. We don't like being vulnerable. We still want security or the illusion of it. We still want our enemies to suffer and for our lives to return to safety and Shalom. Forgive us and heal us. Raise us to new life. Strengthen us in the way of compassion and justice. Fix our faith on you so we know that nothing can separate us from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ God accepts us as we are. In the midst of pain, when memories will not heal, when anger overtakes us, when hostility displaces hospitality, God comforts. God understands. God forgives. 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

A LITANY FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 (see insert)

SCRIPTURE READING *John 14:18-27*

SERMON *A Homecoming* *Rev. Stephen Cady*

***HYMN** *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"* UMH No. 375

INSTALLATION OF MUSIC DIRECTOR

...Will you sustain her with your encouragement and your prayers, as together we seek to offer praise to God?

We will.

Let us pray:

Lord, bless Christy in her ministry of music. Giver her love for you and your people, fullness of heart as she praises you, and diligence that her music may be a worthy offering to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

*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.**

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S TABLE

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Please note that we use grape juice instead of wine for communion.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, on this day of remembrance and homecoming, this day of hope, may the bread we have shared be a reminder of the bread we are called to share. May the gifts we have given to feed more sheep help provide us with bread to give. May the lives that we live cause your name to be celebrated in all generations. Amen.

***HYMN** *“For the Healing of the Nations”* UMH No. 428

***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.**