

The Service for the Lord's Day

March 7, 2010 11 a.m. service

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: You, O Lord are a God on the move. From the beginning of time Your Spirit has been moving- moving over the face of the waters, in the mountains and trees, in the air we breathe.

All: Holy God, move in us today

One: The first words to your covenant people, Abraham and Sarah were to move, to venture out in trust, to put their lives in Your hands.

All: Holy God, move in us today

One: Now, O Lord, open our eyes and our senses to the holiness of this time and space. Let us meet you, invite you in, and open our hearts to You.

All: Holy God, move in us today

OPENING HYMN: #150 (Blue Hymnal) **Come Christians, Join to Sing**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You call us to community. You invite us into relationship with others in Your name. But often, we prefer to hide in our own lives, rather than reach out to a stranger. Or we prefer to remain anonymous, keeping people at arms length. Bring us out of our corners. Quell our fears, stir our indifference, ignite our compassion. Help us to be Your people, by reaching out in friendship, tolerance and love, and by accepting those gifts from others. Hear now our silent prayers...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI: #577 (Blue Hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #323 (Blue Hymnal) **Loving Spirit**

SCRIPTURE READING: Ruth 1-4

SERMON "The Faith of a Foreign Woman" The Rev. Larry Coulter

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY: #815 (Gray Hymnal)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

ANTHEM: **River In Judea**

Worship Choir

Feldman / Leavitt

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 thanks and praise.

DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE

(As you pass the bread to your neighbor, please say, "Christ's body, broken for you." As you pass the cup to your neighbor, please say, "Christ's blood, shed for you." Please eat the bread and drink the cup when you receive them, then spend time in prayer and meditation.)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN: #343 (Gray Hymnal) **Amazing Grace**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: #232 (Gray Hymnal) **God Be With You**

POSTLUDE