

# The Service for the Lord's Day

May 16, 2010 11 a.m. service

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON)

**We are the covenant people of the one, true God!  
God will not forget us, or forget His promises to us.  
Let it be written on our hearts!  
We have come to worship the one, true God!**

OPENING HYMN: #686 (Gray Hymnal) **O God Our Help in Ages Past**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of all Time, we are a fickle people.  
All: **We say we worship only You, but there are many other gods in our lives. We try to orient our lives around You, but find ourselves spending all our time and energy on our jobs and families, our vacation plans and purchases.**  
One: The other gods in our world are not golden statues, but people bow down to them just the same.  
All: **We worship status and stuff, celebrities and ourselves. You call us to trust, and to obey You. We water down Your word, until You become something we can manage and direct, Not the Lord of our lives.**  
One: Help us put our trust in You, God.  
All: **Remind us that Your promises are sure, that You are with us, and that You will never forsake us. Lead us back to You, God, that we might live secure in Your love, and at peace in Your mercy. Hear now the prayers of our hearts...**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear this good news!  
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!**

GLORIA PATRI: #579 (Blue Hymnal)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.*

ANTHEM: **With Joy and Music**

Eugene Butler

*Worship Choir*

SCRIPTURE READING: Daniel 3:1-18

HYMN OF MEDITATION: #384 (Blue Hymnal) **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

SCRIPTURE READING: Daniel 3:19-30

SERMON

“Countering Culture”

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.*

CLOSING HYMN: #575 (Gray Hymnal) **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: #52 (Gray Hymnal) **Blessed Be the Name**

POSTLUDE