

Nov. 8, 2009, 9:15 am - Fresh Spirit Worship - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
As we gather for worship,
please introduce yourself to those around you.
There are no strangers in God's house.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Sing, Sing, Sing* Douglas E. Wagner
The Carol Choir; Tracey Book, director

Refrain:
Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing,
Sing to the Lord,
Sing and rejoice, Alleluia.
Sing, Sing, Sing, Sing,
Sing to the Lord,
Sing to the Lord your God.

Through all your life long,
With notes clear and true,
Let God be your song,
And let the music begin in you.

Refrain:
What joy it is to sing,
A melody to raise;
What joy it is to bring
To God the highest praise!

Refrain:

WELCOME

REFLECTION FOR PEACE

GATHERING THE PEOPLE

One: The casual, thoughtful word of a good friend
All: can open up a way for us to encourage or to forgive.
One: The simple, generous act of a caring neighbor
All: can bring home to us the esteem in which we are held.
One: The carefully phrased note from a family member
All: can be the symbol of a love deep and profound.
One: And this time of worship – familiar, routine, imperfect –
**All: can be a faithful reminder of God's wonderful love for us.
Let us worship God!**

OPENING SONG (see insert) *Indescribable* Laura Story

RENEWING THE COVENANT

One: Brothers and sisters, have you loved your neighbor? Have you stopped
by the road and bandaged the wounded, or have you passed by on the
other side?
All: The Lord is acquainted with all our ways.
One: Sisters and brothers, have you loved your God? Have you carried the
afflicted to a place of rest, or have you turned your back and hurried on?
All: The Lord is acquainted with all our ways.
One: Come to God, that you might learn to show mercy. Come to God, that
you might receive mercy.
**All: Let the Lord teach us how our hearts can love – with all their soul
and strength and mind.**

---time for silent reflection---

One: In Jesus Christ, self-centered ways are at an end, new opportunities are
envisioned, and the will to bring change for good is found.

**All: We are people of "the Way;" we will walk boldly with the example
of Jesus before us, and the living spirit of Jesus with us.**

One: Pardon and peace are yours.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:25-28 The Jerusalem Bible

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him,
'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written
in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord
your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with
all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said
Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

OFFERING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

OFFERING SONG *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* arr. Dave & Jean Perry
Text: Psalm 90, Words by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
The Youth Choir; Brian Potts, director

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

A thousand ages, in thy sight,
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Bears all who breathe away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

DOXOLOGY

We thank you God for all you have given.
Now we return a portion to you -
For all that we have, and all that we are,
We bring our gifts, and thank you God for life.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SERMON *How To Be A Christian Without Trying* Rev. Thomas York

FOCUS SONG *Open My Eyes, Lord* Jesse Manibusan

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

And the first shall be last, and our eyes are opened,
And we'll hear like never before.
We'll speak in new ways, and we'll see God's face
In places we'd never known.

I live within you. Deep in your heart I live.
I live within you. Rest now in me.

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
Help me to see your face. Help me to hear.
Help me to hear your voice. Help me to love.
Help me to love like you. Help me to see.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG (see insert) *With One Voice* Ricky Manalo

BLESSING THE PEOPLE

Sources for today's liturgy: Gathering - David Sparks, *Prayers to Share, Year B*; Renewing the Covenant - Adapted from *Litanies and Other Prayers, Year C* and *Prayers to Share, Year A*.

Thanks to Alex Castle, for serving as liturgist this morning.

If you feel called to serve God by researching, writing or speaking liturgy in future services, please feel free to talk with any of the worship leaders or drop a note in the offering plate.

Fresh Spirit Prayer Request cards and offering envelopes are available in the black fellowship pad folders. If you have a prayer request, concern or joy you wish to share, please fill out a card and place it in the offering bags. All concerns and joys are welcome!

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