

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
February 12, 2012

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Chiming of the Hour and Welcome

✚Ritual of Friendship

The Invitation

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude	“Come Sing to God”	Kosche
Choral Call to Worship	“Sing Alleluia”	Horman

CALL TO WORSHIP (from “A Wee Worship Book”- Iona Abbey, Scotland)

One: In the beginning: before time, before people, before the world began.

All: God was.

One: Here and now: among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven.

All: God is.

One: In the future: when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment.

All: God will be.

One: Not denying the world, but delighting in it. Not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: God is. God was. God will be.

One: Come, let us worship!

*Opening Hymn # 82	“Blessed Be The Name”	Kirkpatrick
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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, your power is evident in everything we see. We watch as the sun sheds its life giving light, as the sky yields its replenishing waters, as the earth brings forth its bounty. And then, we promptly go about abusing, overusing, or taking for granted all that you provide. We hear stories of how you show power through weakness, of how you bring down the mighty and lift up the weak. But in return, we favor the strong and make them our idols. We know deep down that it is you who offers true healing, yet too often we resist, wanting it only on our own terms. Have mercy on us, cleanse us, and forgive us in Jesus' name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (from Mark 1:40-41)

Mark's Gospel tells of a leper who came to Jesus and said, “If you choose to, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, Jesus responded, “I do choose. Be made clean!” Friends, Christ offers cleansing for all who believe. So it is with confidence we can say...

Unison: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Sung Response	“Whiter than Snow”	Fischer
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*Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole; I want Thee forever to live in my soul.
Break down every idol, cast out every foe; Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow. Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children's Church:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

The Offering		
Offertory	“Just As I Am”	Ward
*Doxology		
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</i>		

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A Reading from the Gospels:	Mark 1:40-45	
Anthem	“And the Father Will Dance”	Hayes
A Reading from the Early Prophets:	2 Kings 5:1-14	
Sermon	“A Tale of Two Healings”	

***SHARING WHAT WE BELIEVE** (from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1)

Our only comfort in life and in death is that we are not our own but belong, body and soul, to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ. Who has fully paid for our sins with his precious blood and has set us free from the tyranny of evil. He watches over us in such a way that not a hair can fall from our heads without the will of our Father in heaven: in fact, all things work together for our salvation. Because we belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

*Closing Hymn # 372	“The Branch of Healing”	Hastings
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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*POSTLUDE	“Thanks We Give To You”	Lindh
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(+) *Ushers will seat latecomers*

(*) *Congregation please stand*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to
the glory of God and in honor of my family
Diane, Mallory and John Melvin Herndon*

By Lewis