

MORNING WORSHIP



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
February 5, 2012

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

Yoked with You, O Jesus, there is no wisdom we cannot learn, no burden we cannot shoulder. We find wisdom, rest, and strength in Your nearness. Thus we come to You, bearing our gifts for Your service, and with fresh devotion we would love as You have loved us. Amen.

*At this time we ask that you turn off all cell phones.
Please take a moment to sign the red booklets in your pews.*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME:

"Not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another"

Welcome and Announcements of Church Life

Prelude: *Joyful, Joyful*

arr. J. Raney

Bells of the ARPC Carillon

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE:

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!"

Introit: *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Albert Peace - 1884

*Call to Worship:

Celebrant: Is not the bread that we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.**

Celebrant: Is not the cup for which we give thanks a sharing in the blood of Christ?

People: **The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

All: **Holy Father, in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ,
in the joy of His resurrection, in the hope of His coming again,
we present ourselves a living sacrifice and come to the table of our Lord.**

*Hymn of Praise No.513: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

10¢-a-Meal Offerings may be brought forward

The Story:

Celebrant: What we do here, we do in obedience to Jesus Christ.

To His followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command rooted in the experience He shared with His disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

Reader: **On the night on which He was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took a piece of bread and broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying, 'This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me.'**

Later, after they had eaten, He took a cup of wine and said, 'This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me.'

Celebrant: So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

Eucharistic prayer:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts,

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is indeed right, for You made us, and before us, You made the world we inhabit, and before the world, You made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in You; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to You as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise You, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For His life which informs our living, for His compassion which changes our hearts, for His clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for His disturbing presence, His innocent suffering, His fearless dying, His rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise You and worship Him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now confronts us with Your claims and attracts us to Your goodness.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

*All singing: *Blessing and Honor*

(Hymnal p. 147)

Celebrant: And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfills Your purpose, we fall silent and remember Him who came because words weren't enough.

Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts, and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer:

Silent Prayer

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, Your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of Him whose food we now share. Amen.

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURES:

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord God, may Your Word be a lamp to our feet through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 8

O Lord, our God, how excellent, How glorious is Your Name.

Your Majesty surrounds the earth and children sing Your fame.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Let us greet the Gospel of Jesus Christ as we stand and sing: *O Lord, our God, How Excellent*

*Matthew 11: 20-30

(p. 14)

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Anthem:

With Songs of Rejoicing

J. S. Bach

Sermon:

“GOD’S PROMISE TO THE WEARY”

Dr. Ron Tippens

The Offering and Offertory:

This is My Father’s World

arr. D. Bish

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE:

Celebrant: Among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread, and broke it, and said, ‘This is my body – broken for you.’ Later He took a cup of wine and said, ‘This is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take it, all of you, to remember me.’ Jesus, firstborn of Mary, Son of God,

All: ***Have mercy on us.***

Celebrant: Jesus, Savior of the world,

All: ***Have mercy on us.***

Celebrant: Jesus, Monarch of heaven,

All: ***Grant us peace.***

Celebrant: He whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

The Sharing of the Bread and Wine

*The Charge and The Benediction:

REMEMBER.....

You go nowhere by accident, Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there, God has a purpose in your being there.

Christ Who indwells you has something God wants to do through you where you are.

Believe this and go in God’s grace and love and power

to embrace and love the community of Charlotte.

*Hymn of Dedication No. 302:

I Danced in the Morning

*Postlude:

Praise to the Lord

arr. D. Cherwin

*Congregation Standing

***Latecomers may be seated by ushers

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we are all family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU TODAY!

Guests are encouraged to complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate.

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Register found on each pew and pass to all those on the pew.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by Bonnie and Tony Nodine with thankfulness for their grandson, Caleb, on his third birthday.

Nursery Volunteers today are: Tom & Pam Troutman, John Fleming

Scheduled for Sunday, February 12: Polly & Jason Rowell, Karin & Phil Boling

Children's Church leaders today: Nichole & Troy Dissler

February 12: Rosalie Chriss, Frances Blackwelder

Important dates this week:

Sunday,	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation-Commissioning/Middle Youth Groups meet in the home of Mindi & Chris Gerrard
Monday,	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	New Officer Training - Room 103 in Calvin Hall
Tuesday,	7:00 p.m.	Christian Believer Class in Room 103 of Calvin Hall
Wednesday,	10:00 a.m.	Saints Alive!
	4:30 p.m.	Circle #3 - prepare dinner for Room In The Inn
	6:00 p.m.	Room In The Inn
	6:30 p.m.	Praise Team
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir practice
Thursday,	7:00 p.m.	Circle #6
Friday,	5:00 p.m.	Officers' Retreat begins with dinner in Calvin Hall
Saturday,	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Officers' Retreat

Souper Bowl of Caring food drive continues through February 12. Please bring canned or packaged foods and place in the barrels in the narthex. Together we can help alleviate hunger in our community.

Sign-ups for childcare volunteers for the Lenten Study and Ash Wednesday are in the Narthex.

Please note: Xan Innes, ARPC's Youth Minister, will be in the office weekly on Thursdays, 1 - 4 p.m.

Greeters: Tim & Gloria Campbell

Head Ushers: Martie White, Nancy McLemore

February Elder: Dan Shearer



LENT 2012

Crossing the Threshold: An Exploration of Transforming Worship

This Lenten Season we will gather Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Calvin Hall to explore a question vital to our Christian life: What does it mean to worship God.

We will begin the seven-week Lenten journey on February 14th as we explain:

Session 1	A Divided World
Session 2	Crossing the Threshold
Session 3	Worship
Session 4	The Early Church Pattern
Session 5	Sacred Time and Sacred Place
Session 6	Weaving the Narrative back into Worship
Session 7	Crossing the Threshold - Review and Sacrament

About our teacher, Leslie Hand: Few Christian people have connected with the kingdom of God and how it relates to the heart like Leslie Hand. God has given Leslie a wonderful gift of insight into the biblical story, the grand mega narrative that ties together both time and eternity. And even better for all of us, the Lord of the Church has also given her the skill to communicate these marvelous, life transforming truths to us in ways that touch the mind and the heart. I can hardly wait to tune into Leslie's new website (www.movieglimpse.com). I know that when I do, she will guide me into the journey that others have called The Sacred Romance. I am grateful to God that in the troubling days we live in, Leslie has proven to be a trustworthy guide into the mind and heart of the Lord Jesus. Why not join us in this journey with Leslie. I know you will be thankful too.

- Dr. Barry R. Leventhal, Professor, Southern Evangelical Seminary

ARPC DIRECTORY

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Our purpose.....

***Is to know and make known the love of God in Jesus Christ.
We will do this as His Church through the power of the Holy Spirit
as we worship, study, serve, and fellowship.***

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“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30