

9:00 a.m.

Early Service

February 5, 2012

*Welcome to the Early Service. Together, may we rejoice and give thanks for God's loving grace in Christ Jesus our Lord. You will find the worship songs for this service in the blue **Presbyterian Hymnal**.*

***We Have Come Into This House**

WORSHIP HIM

(Verse 1) *We have come into this house to gather in His name and worship Him. (repeat)
We have come into this house to gather in His name and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.*

(Verse 2) *So forget about yourself, concentrate on Him and worship Him. (repeat)
So forget about yourself, and concentrate on Him and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.*

***Call to Worship God**

Neila Stroman

Leader: The Living God has brought us this far on our journey.

People: God has given bread to the hungry and rest to the weary.

Leader: God has shown us the future generations – the children in our midst.

People: And faithful to the divine promise, God has clothed us with salvation and joy.

Leader: What more can we ask of God?

People: To bless us and our children forever and to give us the courage to pray with trust and serve with joy.

***Song 37 (Green Songbook)**

For the Music of Creation

NETTLETON

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession

Confessing our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

We yearn for your presence, God. We know that our hearts are restless, until they rest in you. We are like deer that long for refreshing springs. We hear invitations for "all who are weary and heavy-laden . . ." Approaching you at times seems easy. Truth to tell, we are not always restless for you. Sometimes, we seek instead: security, or power and success, or beauty and acceptance, not your loving grace. Forgive our fickleness. Sanctify our yearnings, that they may place you at the center of our being. You have given yourself so freely to us. May we recognize the ways you have and always do.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Reassurance of God's Forgiveness

Life in the Community

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

***Hymn 507 (Blue Hymnal)**

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Philippians 1:12-14 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 185 in the pew Bible.]

Communion Meditation ***An Amazing Moment in Time*** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Dedicating Our Lives, Gifts, and Tithes

Offertory

There's Something About That Name

William Gaither

(You are invited to bring your offering to God forward and place it on the Communion Table at the front of the sanctuary. You may come down the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.)

***Song No. 216 (Green Songbook)**

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong!"

Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*. Please come forward and have a seat on the front pew. Communion is served by intinction, taking a piece of bread and then dipping it in the cup. The wafers in the small basket are gluten-free.)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 our thanks and praise.

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn 274 (Green Songbook)**

If You and I Believe in Christ

Zimbabwe, traditional

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

***All those who are able, please stand.**