

April 27, 2008

God's Spirit and life calls all those who are baptized to be Jesus' disciples. Membership in Jesus Christ is enrollment into the ministry of the priesthood of all disciples. —Leadership Needs and Ministry Issues, 1985 Annual Conference statement

Gathering and Praising

Music for Meditation

*Be receptive to the Spirit of God as worship begins
with Music for Meditation*

Prelude and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

***Passing the Peace**

***Call to Worship:**

One: We are in the presence of God, our Creator.

All: We come, knowing whose we are.

One: We are in the presence of Jesus Christ
who blessed the little children.

All: We come knowing we are loved.

One: We are in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

All: We come seeking guidance.

One: We are God's gathered people.

All: Come, let us worship God.

***Invocation**

***Hymn:** *Great is thy faithfulness* #16

First Scripture Reading: *1 Corinthians 12: 4-11, from The Message*

Songs of Praise: *Great is the Lord* #87

For the beauty of the earth #89

Children's story Janet Hildreth

Praying

Prayer of Confession

Overhead

Silent reflection

Assurance of pardon

"For this we rejoice..."

"For this we pray..."

Hymn Call to Prayer *Peace, be still* #1120 (HS)

Prayer for all God's children

Proclaiming

Scripture: *Romans 12: 6-7*

Message: *Call and Vocation 300 Years Later*

Hymn: *Wonder of wonders* #622

Service of Dedication

Congregation response: *In the name of Jesus Christ,
we welcome Sophia. We commit ourselves, as
God enables us, to be worthy representatives
of Jesus Christ.*

Prayer of Blessing

Hymn of blessing: *Child of blessing, child of promise* #620

Offering

Invitation to Giving

Offertory Tom August

***Offertory Response:** *Lord, bless the hands* #93

***Prayer of Dedication:** Unison #750

Sending

***Hymn:** *Help us to help each other* #362

***Benediction:**

***Sending Christ's light out into the world**

***Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.

Please join us after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshment downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.