

**November 16, 2008**

*To be Christian is to cease saying, "Where the Messiah is there is no misery," and to begin to say, "Where there is misery there is the Messiah." The former statement makes no demands; the latter is an assignment.*  
*—Fred Craddock*

***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: Before there was any time,

**All: *there was God.***

One: When we wandered through the wilderness,

**All: *God built the way for us.***

One: When we lived in exile,

**All: *our homes were built by God.***

One: When we seek to serve faithfully,

**All: *God provides the opportunities.***

One: When tomorrow comes,

**All: *we find God awake and waiting for us.***

One: When times ends,

**All: *there will still be God.***

**\*Invocation**

**\*Hymn:** *We gather together* #17

**First Scripture Reading:** *Psalm 90: 1-2, 12-17, from The Message*

**Songs of Praise:** *Here I am to worship* Overhead

*We are marching* Overhead

***Proclaiming***

**Children's Story**

Marj Rush Hovde

**Scripture:** *1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30*

**Message:** *Risks we take*

**Hymn:** *Take my life* #389

***Praying***

**"For this we rejoice..."**

**"For this we pray..."**

**Hymn Call to Prayer** *Holy Spirit, come to us* #1131 (HS)

**Prayer for all God's children**

***Offering***

**Invitation to Giving**

**Offertory** *God is the Fountain whence* Choir

**\*Offertory Response:** *Grant us, Lord, the grace* #388

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending***

**\*Hymn:** *I come with joy to meet my Lord, vss. 1, 4 & 5* #459

**\*Benediction:** Unison

*May our lives take flight as eagles soaring towards the heavens, our feet remain firmly on the ground as we follow Jesus, and our hearts leap with the inspiration of the Spirit. Amen.*

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

**\*Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able.

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Welcome all who are visiting us today. Please join us after the worship for a time of fellowship and refreshment downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Then join us for adult and youth Sunday school at 11am.