

January 8, 2017

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

William Croft

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made
known your love and power in unexpected ways and places. May
we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and
offer our lives in gratitude for your saving grace.

Amen.

***SONG OF PRAISE** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

#436 NCH/On Screen

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Let us approach our Creator God in humbleness:

**God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant
and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as
you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through
Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

***MOMENT OF SILENCE**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God gives us access to our birthright, to what is already within us.
Our sins of commission and omission are already forgiven. Now
go, and use your body, mind and spirit to serve the Creator.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Come Down, Lord”

Stan Pethel

TIME WITH CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 42: 1-9; 43: 18-19

Pgs. 883, 885, CEB

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 3: 13-17

Pg. 1172, CEB

SERMON

“Letting Go”

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

“Renew Your Church”

#311/NCH, On Screen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Each week we pray for a family or individual from our Congregation in addition to those on our prayer list. Today we lift up **The Turnbull family**. Prayers for healing and consolation: **Sharon Banjavcic on the loss of her mother, Verna; Larry Riess’ father Bud; Louise Cohlmeier, Darleen Bax, Dennis Ford, Barbara Moran, Alan Canterbury, Russ Hartmann, Ardella Morris, Larry Cates (Pat Bregen).***

ORGAN RESPONSE

***OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES**

Invitation

Offertory

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Robert Lowry

*Doxology

#780/NCH, On Screen

*Prayer of Dedication

***SONG OF PARTING**

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

#417/NCH/On Screen

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Lift Up Your Songs of Praise”

Camille-Saint Saens

*Please stand, in body or spirit.

Our Church Workers for today:

Pastor - Rev. Jim Nolan

Organist – Sharon Banjavcic

Lectors - Ginny Ganschinietz

Ushers –

Activities of the church

Pastor’s Office Hours

During the week, Pastor Jim’s schedule is as follows:

Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9 a.m. to noon; 1-4 p.m. reserved for visitations and other appointments.

Tuesday - Pastor’s sermon-writing day at home.

Thursday - Pastor’s day off

Contact Pastor Jim at **618-616-0198** (mobile) or church office 397-6323.