

**The Order
Of
Divine Worship**

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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 9, 2011

10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE (Please register your attendance.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

(Please place your prayer cards in the baskets at this time.)

* THE HYMN "Christ Is Alive" No. 318 (UMH verse 1-3)

* THE ACT OF PRAISE

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great Ruler above all gods,

in whose hands are the depths of the earth

and also the heights of the mountains.

The sea belongs to God who made it,

and the dry land, because God formed it.

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

* THE HYMN "Christ Is Alive" No. 318 UMH (verse 4-5)

Let us be seated for prayer

OPENING PRAYER

Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which thou hast given us; for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, for thine own sake. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READING
2 Corinthians 8:7-15

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A STEWARDSHIP WORD

Roger Sharpe

THE ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

"The Lily of the Valley"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE REFRAIN "Jesus, We Are Here" No. 2273 (FWS)

+ Personal prayers

+ Prayers for others

+ The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us

our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against

us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from

evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the

glory forever. Amen.

THE REFRAIN No. 176 (UMH)

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

THE MESSAGE

The Rev. Anthony N. Cutting

"The Prose and Poetry of Giving"

THE HYMN "Open Our Eyes" No. 2086 (FWS)

THE PRAYER

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

* THE DOXOLOGY No. 94 (UMH)

* THE HYMN "Forward Through the Ages" No. 555 (UMH)

* THE BENEDICTION

SERVING THE LORD

Liturgist: Jeanne Sturm
Ushers: Earl Crawford, Leonard McJames,
Ron Vandenberg, Don Decker
Greeters: Jay & Bev Morgan
Counters: Bob & Sharon Raymond, Curt & Beth Moe
Trustee for Oct. Ron Vandenberg (back-up Dave Sutton)
Coffee Hour Oct. 9: Sandy, Luella, Jeanne
Sunday School Teachers: George Farner, Ruth Sutton

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 10 Dick & Joy Ware 26 Years
Oct. 12 David & Cathy Lees 26 Years
Oct. 13 Earl & Kay Crawford 11 Years
Oct. 15 Tony & Angela Chritz 17 Years
Oct. 10 Paul Burns
Oct. 11 Jeff Abbe, Lisa Ames
Oct. 12 Carole Nagle, Oct. 14 Cole Ordiway



*Altar flowers are given by
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The Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 (NIV)

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8. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.
9. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.
10. And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so.
11. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.
12. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.
13. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.
14. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality,
15. as it is written: “The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.”
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God

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