

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29, 2012

The service of worship begins with the prelude. Please be mindful of those who are praying.

“For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:17-18

PRELUDE Prepare thyself, my soul; watch and pray Johann Christian Kittel

INTROIT Praise Him, Praise Him *Traditional*
Down in My Heart George W. Cooke
Loaves and Fishes

***HYMN** No. 142 *Coronation*
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, who dwells in the high and lofty place, yet also in those with humble and contrite hearts, free us from our sins. We have often defeated your purpose in our lives, have wronged our own souls and have hurt our neighbors. We could have been transparent to your shining, so that through us this world would have been a fairer place and the faces of our friends more radiant. Grant us that this day our consciences may deal honestly with us and that we may deal honestly with them. Send us out chastened, penitent, forgiven for the sake of your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PETITION No. 356

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 579

***WORDS OF PEACE**

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Peace be with you.
(Please greet your neighbors with words of God's peace.)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. Mack Wilberg
Chancel Choir

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Clarify our thoughts, Almighty God, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Deepen our faith and courage, and send us out to lay fresh hold on life because you have laid strong hold on us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 53:1-6 Page 683

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 8:27-35 Page 43

SERMON "The Peter in All of Us" Dr. Stroup

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed Page 14

***HYMN** No. 145 *Marion*
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

THE PRAYERS AND CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lord, I Want to Be a Christian Albin Whitworth

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (debts/debtors)

***HYMN** No. 371 *Crucifer*
Lift High the Cross

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE God of Grace Paul Manz

*Congregation please stand.

TODAY'S PREACHER is Dr. George W. Stroup, J.B. Green Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary, who is presenting this year's Foote Lecture Series. The program, "Why Jesus Matters," continues this afternoon with a talk at 5:00 p.m., followed by a reception at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.