



Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace and Gathering in the Light

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Prelude to Worship

"Be Thou My Vision"

Shupeí Wang, violinist

Old Irish Traditional Tune (SLANE), arr. Brian Holmes

Invitation to Worship

Theresa Krebs

one: We gather this day to hope.

*all: **We gather this day to hope for things unseen.***

one: We gather this day to consecrate

*all: **We gather this day to make holy.***

one: We gather this day to make holy that which is dispersed to us.

*all: **We gather this day to make holy that which we commission in response.***

one: Let us worship our generous, life-giving, Divine.

*all: **Let us worship God!***

Opening Hymn

"We Are an Offering"

Chalice Praise #152

Invocation

Theresa Krebs

Song of Response

"I Love You, Lord"

Chalice Praise #60

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

"Be Still"

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Worship & Wonder Scripture

"Abram and Sarai"

Mary Poggie

a Children Worship & Wonder story by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome Berryman, based on Genesis 12 and 13

Scripture

Romans 8:18-25 (Common English Bible)

Sermon

"Planting Shade Trees"

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THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Special Music

"O God, Our Help, Our Hope"

Chalice Chancel Choir and

lyrics: Isaac Watts; tune: CONSOLATION; arr. Marty Parks

Shupeí Wang, violinist

Prayers of the People

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Our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Stewardship Peggy & Wayne Moore
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Consecration of Pledges Shupe Wang, violinist
"He Leadeth Me"
comp. William Bradbury, arr. Brian Holmes

Doxology Chalice Hymnal #88; v 1
"All My Hope on God Is Founded"

Prayer of Dedication Sue Elliott

one: Blessed God, thank you for your abundance and faithfulness to us in times of plenty and in times of need. Your goodness and generosity overflow throughout your story. How Great is our God!

*all: **With grateful hearts, we thank you.***

one: Through your grace, given us in Jesus Christ, we respond to your goodness, mindful of our church's needs, but more from hearts of love so that you can accomplish your work through us in this world.

*all: **We love you because you first loved us.***

one: We are living in days of financial and societal stress that affect our financial decisions. Give us the wisdom and courage to keep our eyes on our needs, not on our wants, to keep our ears open to your transforming work, not to the noise of discontent.

*all: **Remind us that true gain comes from consecrating our lives and our offerings to your transforming use.***

one: Your Word calls us away from adapting ourselves to the ways of this present age and to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Your Word calls us to hope for things unseen. Teach us again to understand the blessings of giving, the perils of hiding away, and the joy of living as the generous people you have called us to become.

*all: **Open our ears and our hearts to the truth you provide. Guide us to live out that truth in hope.***

one: We turn over to You our pledges and our commitments, to consecrate, and make holy. Keep us honest in our abilities, generous in our giving, sincere in our service and hopeful in our stewardship. We entrust you with these gifts and our promises, that you can use them for transforming work, that all the world will know the loyal and steadfast love of Jesus Christ.

*all: **We commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time and talent and our material gifts as an outward sign of the hope we hold in You. Amen.***

from the consecration litany used at FCCBRLA in 2011.

Invitation to Communion Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Prayer Jody Cash

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Communion Response "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship Theresa Krebs

Closing Hymn "My Hope Is Built" Chalice Hymnal #537

Blessing and Benediction Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Postlude "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" arr. Cindy Berry Julie Dean, piano

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