

Thank You for Volunteering Your Service Today

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Next Sunday, October 2, 2011

Communion Sunday

Rev. Cindy Skutar preaching
Texts: Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 18:15-20

WORSHIP SERVICES CAN BE SEEN ON
CABLE CHANNEL 99
Tuesday - 7:00 pm - Wednesday - 6:00 am & 2:45 pm
Friday & Saturday - 6:30 pm - Sunday 6:00 pm

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation
Christian Care, Compassion, Listening
— when you need it most.



10:30 a.m.

September 25, 2011

*“Our Hearts, Our Minds,
Our Doors are Open”*

*“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World.”*

150th Anniversary Celebration Sunday

September 25, 2011
10:30 a.m.

*In the presence of God
whose word has called the stars into being,
we stand in awe.*

*In the presence of God
whose breath has stirred within us,
we stand in need.*

*In the presence of God
whose arms have held us,
we stand in trust.*

PRELUDE

Praise Band

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

How Great Thou Art

No. 77

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me

Parry, composer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Paula Johnson and Rev. Cindy Skutar

Leader: For those whose faith, courage, Christian conviction, diligent effort and financial sacrifice resulted in the building of this house of worship, we thank You, O God.

People: For those who labored with mind and hand to design and construct this sanctuary that people might worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, we thank You, O God.

Don Johnson: as we celebrate the many lives it has already touched.

Dean Eckersley: We give thanks for the body of Christ that we are today, and for what God will inspire us to become tomorrow!

Rev. Cindy Skutar: In light of all that God has given us through the gift of this community of faith,

Congregation: we joyfully dedicate this tree in honor of our church, and we rededicate our lives to the glory of God!

Congregation:
(singing)

What Gift Can We Bring?
verse 4

No. 87

**This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Here I Am, Lord

No. 593

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Be Thou My Vision

David Gillingham, composer
Anne Jensen, flute solo

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Cindy and Keaton Sheffert

***POSTLUDE**

Reverberations
Genesis Bell Choir

S. Lloyd

** Those who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

We are glad to be able to worship together today!
We trust you have been refreshed by the Word, fellowship, music and prayer.

Heather Koch: This congregation has been a vehicle of God's grace,
Jennifer Heitman: a place for growing in relationship with the Lord for living,
loving and forgiving in the spirit of Christ.

Congregation: *What Gift Can We Bring?* No. 87
(singing) verse 2

**Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.**

Ross Howell: We celebrate the many members of this family of faith who
have walked with the Lord through their years.

Jeff Smith: We remember how they have blessed us so richly, conveying
God's gift of love from their hearts to our hearts.

Margie Williams: We celebrate the gift that we are to one another as we learn and
grow along this spiritual journey.

Sarah Douglas: We give thanks for the togetherness we feel with one
another, sharing in all of life's joys and sorrows, its victories
and defeats.

Congregation: *What Gift Can We Bring?* No. 87
(singing) verse 3

**Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the word is our promise always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.**

Dean Denslow: It is a day of great joy in the life of this congregation,

Leader: For all those servants of God who have led your people in worship
here, who have preached Your word from this pulpit, and who have
administered the sacraments to waiting and believing hearts, we thank
You, O God.

**People: For all those who have come to this place seeking You, and who in
worshiping You have found You, we thank You, O God.**

Leader: For those who have brought their children here for baptism, for those
who have pledged their love to one another at this holy altar, and for
those who in Christian faith and trust have here parted with loved ones
and committed them to Your love and care, we thank You, O God.

**People: For all those who have confessed here their faith in Jesus Christ,
have shared in the life and witness of the Church, and have committed
themselves to the Christian life, we thank You, O God.**

Leader: For sins that have been confessed and forgiven here, for burdens that have
been made easier to carry, for distressed and troubled hearts that have known
the peace that passes all understanding, and for lives that have been inspired
to new heights of love and service, we thank You, O God.

**People: For all Your goodness and love revealed to us in this house of worship,
we praise and thank You, O God. Amen.**

(Please take a moment to greet one another before being seated.)

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Rev. Cindy Skutar

*(Take a moment to sign the welcome pad
and pass it to others in the pew.)*

A TIME MOSTLY FOR CHILDREN

Zach McNees

CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY

A visual presentation

MESSAGE

We Belong To God

Bishop Jonathan Keaton

LITURGICAL DANCE

Remember Me

Schultz

liturgical dancers:

Betty Assmann, Arlene Dunham, Kathy Methner,
Olivia Tucker, Sophia Tucker and Gretchen Zimmerman

soloist:

Adam Ignacio

A TIME OF OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

My Help Cometh From The Lord

Cymbala

Melinda Kreth, soloist

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Rev. Cindy Skutar:

In thanksgiving for the past, in celebration of the present and in hope for the future, a tree will be planted on church grounds to commemorate this day. With a representative from each age decade, 0-100 years old, in our congregation, we now dedicate this tree in living memory of all throughout the years who have offered their loving service in honor of God and our church.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Song

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Change This Heart

Praise Band

Rev. David Hills, District Superintendent

Congregation:

(singing)

What Gift Can We Bring?

No. 87

verse 1

**What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 100

Paula Johnson

***PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

Draw Me Close

Praise Band

Beautiful One

Sarah Montney:

A community of faith conveys God's good news of love, and leads its members along pathways of faith.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14:1-12

Kendall Farnum, Lay Leader

Connor Turpin:

It sows seeds of life in the soil of our hearts, causing faith and hope to sprout in our souls.