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Christ will come again.**

Sharing of Bread and Cup

A TIME OF OFFERING

Invitation
Offertory

Pie Jesu (Blessed Jesus)
Antoinette Torres Tucker, soprano

Requiem by Faure

* Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

(Loose coins will go to Habitat for Humanity of Isabella County.)

* **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

No. 664

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

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

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Holy Communion

March 3, 2013

9 a.m.

*"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
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*O Heart of Love,
I place all my trust in You.
I fear all things from my own weakness,
but I hope for all things
from Your goodness.
Amen.*

PRELUDE

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* No. 626

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What is more changeable than the weather, unless it is life itself?

People: **And yet, in the midst of all the change, there is one Rock,
one Hope, one stable, eternal Presence, and that is God.**

Leader: We are here to center our hearts and minds on God.

People **Let us approach the Divine in worship!**

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

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

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

A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Song

Centering Prayer

I Need Thee Every Hour

No. 397, vs. 1, 2

CHORAL ANTHEM

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God...)
Chancel Choir

Requiem by Faure

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

The Old Rugged Cross

No. 504

THE MESSAGE

Kris Kohler

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Generous God, I confess my fear. I imagine letting go of what I cling to,
and I am afraid. I am paralyzed. Beloved, being one with You is the only
treasure I desire. Everything else is a burden. Yet I cling. But I want to be in
the grip of love, not fear. Heal me, and set me free of these heavy loads!
Set free my paralyzed heart.**

Passing of Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to God!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: We give thanks and praise to You, O Bread of Life!

We give thanks for Your abundant creation,
called forth in ancient times upon this earth,
and manifested in Your grace
when You created us in Your very image.
From ancient times, You have fed us, nourished us,
and strengthened our souls for this journey.
In the days of wandering in the wilderness,
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and in the harsh wisdom of the prophets,
You have offered us the water of righteousness
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Lead Me to the Cross

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Two Hands

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*** SONG OF DEDICATION**

Majesty

*** BENEDICTION**

*** SENDING FORTH**

Overcome

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Thank You for Volunteering Your Service Today

GREETERS	Karen & Dan Marvin
USHERS	Joelle & Forrest Gehring Volunteer Needed
LITURGIST	Youth
ACOLYTE	Emily Hamilton
COFFEE HOSTS	Dave & Michelle Turpin

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God With Us

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MESSAGE IN SONG

My Master From a Garden Rose
PraiseMakers

Young

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