

Order of Worship

January 10, 2016

11:00 a.m. Generations Service

WE COME TOGETHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

Welcome & Greeting

Rev. Michael Burkett

*Opening Chorus

Curt Timmons

O Spirit of the Living God (vs.1)

UMH 539

O spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
Descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

*We Proclaim Our Mission

Max Kelton

Leader: Who are we?

**All: People of God, learning to follow Jesus, inviting others
to join the journey.**

*Opening Unison Prayer

*Opening Hymn

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

UMH 540

(Congregation seated)

WE LISTEN FOR AND RECEIVE GOD'S WORD TO US

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:12-15

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem Chancel Choir

The Gift of Love-Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless
gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made
whole. Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship, we are
freed. Amen.

(The choir may disperse as needed.)

Sermon Series Prayer

**God, thank you for the gift of your Son and Mark's gospel witness
to his life. Help us to hear that witness as Good News for our lives
today. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.**

The Message Rev. Michael Burkett

The Kingdom of God is Near

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS WITH JOY

***Hymn** *I Need Thee Every Hour* **UMH 397**

A Time for Children Kayleigh Ferguson

Our Life Together

*Please register your attendance in the registration card provided
and place it in the offering plate..*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Charlotte Teel

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.

Dedication of Tithes and Offering

Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus* Logan Walker

***Doxology** **UMH 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures
here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn** *Trust and Obey* **UMH 467**

***Responsive Benediction**

Leader:

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People: Amen.

***Benediction Chorus**

O Spirit of the Living God (vs.4) **UMH 539**

So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
So shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
And earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
Till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

***Postlude**

**=We invite you to please stand, as you are able.*

- **May We Pray with You?** Prayer Partners are available after the service to encourage and pray with you. They will be waiting at the front pew.
- **Prayers for Healing and Comfort**
 - ◇ Megan Brown (surgery on Jan. 6)