

NOTES



Sunday Evening Service January 15, 2012

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

A time of quiet preparation for worship

MEDITATION

The cross is laid on every Christian. It begins with the call to abandon the attachments of this world. It is that dying of the old man which is the result of his encounter with Christ. As we embark upon discipleship we surrender ourselves to Christ in union with His death... we give over our lives to death. Since this happens at the beginning of the Christian life, the cross can never be merely a tragic ending to another wise happy religious life. When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die. It may be a death like that of the first disciples who had to leave home and work to follow Him, or it may be a death like Luther's, who had to leave the monastery and go out into the world. But it is the same death every time...death in Jesus Christ, the death of the old man at His call. That is why the rich young man was so loath to follow Jesus, for the cost of his following was the death of his will. In fact, every command of Jesus is a call to die, with all our affections and lusts. But we do not want to die, and therefore Jesus Christ and His call are necessarily our death and our life. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The true follower of Christ will not ask, "If I embrace this truth, what will it cost me?" Rather he will say, "This is truth. God help me to walk in it, let come what may!" A.W. Tozer

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***GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP**

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”
Psalm 66:1-4

***GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

Psalm 40 C

O LORD my God How Many are the Wonders Thou Hast Done

PASTORAL PRAYER

***GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

More Love to Thee O Christ (#649)

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

I Samuel 13:1-23

Saul Begins to Slip

Senior Pastor, Kevin Skogen

THE LORD’S SUPPER

This is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. The Lord’s Supper is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate him. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, are a member of a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are invited to partake. If you are not a Christian, or if you choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer.

A Word to Parents: To receive communion, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong.

HYMN OF DISTRIBUTION

Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (#646)

***GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE**

O God Beyond All Praising (#660)

***BENEDICTION**