

## We Gather to Praise God

Prelude "Joyful Rhythm" McChesney Handbell Choir

Welcome "Come, Let Us Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness" Lester Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

**God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,  
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.  
Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory,  
and truly worship you this morning.**

\*Hymn #21 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Prayer of Praise

**Wonderful God, source of all beauty and goodness,  
Your grace comes fresh every morning.  
In each new day you give us light.  
We praise you for your never-failing love  
That satisfies our needs and shows us the way to follow.  
We rejoice in your constant care, for you are faithful in love for all,  
Giving us forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Ministry of Music "How Can I Keep From Singing" Sherman Handbell Choir

Psalm of Praise Responsive Reading #35 Psalm 150 (Page 506)

Congregational Praise Music "Oh, Give Thanks Unto the Lord"  
"Oh, Give Thanks unto the Lord, for He is Good, yes, He is good (repeat)  
For He is worthy, worthy, for He is good, Yes, He is Good!"

*"He Has Done Marvelous Things"*

Sopranos: "He has done marvelous things, He has done marvelous things, praise the Lord!"

Altos: "Marvelous, marvelous, marvelous, marvelous things. Praise the Lord!"

Tenors/Basses: "He has done marvelous things, praise the Lord!"

Ministry of Music

“Andantino”

Elgar  
Mandy Shafer, Flute

**We Hear God’s Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 66:1-12

(Page 411 Old Testament)

Matthew 11:28-30

(Page 9 New Testament)

Children’s Message

\*Hymn/Praise Song

“How Firm a Foundation”

(See Insert)  
Choir & Congregation

Message

“An Invitation”

**We Respond to God’s Word**

Apostles’ Creed

(“Austrian Hymn” tune)

*I believe in God the Father, Maker of the heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God’s own Son of matchless worth;  
By the Holy Ghost conceived, Virgin Mary born God’s Son,  
He, in whom I have believed, God Almighty, Three in One.*

*Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Crucified for me he died;  
Laid within the grave so silent, Gates of hell he opened wide,  
And the stone-sealed tomb was empty, On the third day he arose,  
Into heaven made his entry, Mighty conqueror of his foes.*

*At God’s right hand he is seated, ‘til his coming as he said;  
Final judgment will be meted to the living and the dead;  
I confess the Holy Spirit has been sent through Christ the Son,  
To apply salvation’s merit, God the Spirit – Three in One.  
I believe the church of Jesus holy, catholic remains,  
We are one through all the ages, with communion of the saints.  
I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised.  
Everlasting life in heaven; Amen, let his name be praised.*

Offering

Ministry of Music

“Praise to the Lord”

Jothen  
Chancel Choir

Congregational Prayer and 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.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil;

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

\*Hymn #275

*"Amazing Grace"*

\*Benediction and Response

*"In Peace and Joy"*

Governor  
Chancel Choir

\*Postlude

\*Congregation May Stand

Memory verse for the month of October: Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6 NKJV)

## **An Invitation** (Sermon Outline)

Introduction: Promised Relief

### I. Needed Relief in Jesus' Day

A. Heavy Burdens

B. Weariness

### II. Needed Relief Today

A. Exhaustion

B. Heavy Burdens

### III. Promised Relief

A. An Easy Yoke

B. A Light Burden

### IV. Relief For Us

A. Submission and Control

B. Rest

Conclusion: Will You Return the Call or Erase?

Today's stewards:

Greeter: Carole Angrilla

Ushers: John Ferris, Aaron & Shawna Guikema, Heidi Wilson

Nursery: Ed & Melissa Matson

Fellowship: Luncheon

Next week's stewards: (**October 20**):

Greeter: Barbara Araromi

Ushers: Ron Dellinger, Noriko Hawk, Megan & Justin Trivette

Nursery: Zandt & Brooke Johnson

Fellowship: Walt & Lucy Paradies

#### FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this morning are in celebration of **Matthew Ellison's** 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and given by his parents, Mike & Lisa.

#### CROP WALK

Thanks to everyone who participated in Last Week's CROP walk. We estimated 150 total walkers of which FRCC had about 2 dozen. I'll have more information by month end, but I estimate that we raised \$2,318. This is excellent for a small congregation and it may again place us in 1<sup>st</sup> place for funds raised. If you have any questions about the CROP walk, please feel free to contact me. Ron Hamm (919-846-2833)

#### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Ladies, please join us for a time of study and fellowship on Monday, October 14, in the library. Our meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and we will be studying the book of Esther. Lesson 1 is: Living the Life in Ancient Persia. If you need a book, please let Liz White know.

#### REGIONAL FOOD BANK

FRCC is helping the NE Regional Food Bank on Saturday, October 26, from 9:00 a.m.–noon at the NE Regional Food Bank. The sign-up sheet is on the Missions bulletin board so we can confirm our spot on their schedule.

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting is Sunday, October 27, after church. As usual we will be electing Elders and Deacons, and the 2014 budget will be presented. There will also be time to discuss other matters of congregational interest.