

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Etude-tableau in C Major ~ *Sergei Rachmaninoff*

*Ringing of the Bell*

*Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* Let us hear the Word of the Lord:

Let us be strangely warmed by its fire  
burning in our hearts.

**People: God's Word is a lamp to our feet,  
a light along the pathway.**

*Leader:* In the presence of the Word, revealed in Jesus Christ,  
written in Scripture, praised in hymns,  
proclaimed in preaching, expressed in prayer,

**People: Now here in this time together,  
let us praise God as we join in song.**

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #662**      **"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"**  
verse 1: All                      verse 4: Women  
verse 2: Women                verse 5: All  
verse 3: Men

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer, UMH# 895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 436 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*Leader:* This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn FWS #2129                      **"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

Children's Message

*James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2026                      **"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"**

Gospel Song UMH #649, verse 1

*Chancel Choir*

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 61                      Luke 4:14-21

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Song UMH #649

**"How Shall They Hear the Word of God"**

verse 2: Choir                      verse 3: All

Sermon

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

**"Getting Ready to Get Ready: Living the Word"**

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

~ *Michael Praetorius*

§ **Doxology #94**      **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #108**

**"God Hath Spoken by the Prophets"**

§ Benediction

As we go into the world, let us bring  
To a hungry world help;  
To a yearning world love;  
To a discouraged world hope;  
To a wandering world leadership;  
To a lost world the saving gospel of Jesus Christ;  
To a thankless world gratitude. **Amen.**

Postlude

Matin Gothique

~ *Gordon Young*

**Fellowship Time in the Narthex**



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

Next Sunday, January 31, we will be taking a special offering, **United Voices for Children, to benefit ChildServ, MYSI Corp, and Rosecrance.** As a network of child advocates, United Voices for Children keeps the needs of the voiceless, powerless little ones before the church and the community. You may make your check out to CSUMC, with "5th Sunday Appeal" in the memo line. We will have an envelope inserted next week for your convenience.

The **2016 Altar Flower chart** is posted outside the church office on the bulletin board. Sign up now to get your favorite date to honor or memorialize someone you love.

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on Jan. 27th!**

**4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

• Rev. Rhoads' class in the Library - Adults

**5:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

• Dinner by Diane in the Dining Room for only \$3.50/person

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

• Men's Fellowship Group in the Parlor



We are collecting **"Board Games", new or used through the month of January.** Anything from "Hi Ho Cherry O" to "Clue". During the cold months the kids will have some indoor activities with board games. Some will stay at Haskell and a few might go home with the students. If you have any questions, please ask Barb Ferry or Elizabeth Tarara.

**Calling all church leaders!** Learn how to be effective serving in your church by attending free training presented by our Rockford District of the Northern Illinois Conference on Saturday, January 30, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm, Faith UMC, 1440 S. Walnut, Freeport. Our own Rev. Dr. Wang will be presenting a workshop on History & Archives. Other topics are: 1) SPRC - from A to Z, 2) So You're Going on a Mission Trip, 3) Without a Vision the People Perish, and 4) Trustees. You will have a chance to attend 2 workshops as well as hear from our District Superintendent, Rev. Lisa Kruse-Safford. **Registration deadline is TOMORROW.** Pamphlets are on the bulletin board outside the church office.

**On Thursday, February 11th, Jeremiah Development will have its Annual Meeting.** Each of our founding churches is invited to this gathering where we discuss the Annual Report as well as elect new members to the Board of Directors and say goodbye to those leaving our ranks. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet the leaders of our neighborhood organization and share your hopes and dreams with them. The meeting is held at Second First Church and begins at 5:30. The regular business meeting will follow the Annual Meeting and visitors are welcome to attend that as well.

**Mark your calendar for the Pancake Supper, Tues., Feb. 9**

**Get your tickets, \$5 each, in the Narthex**

