

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
September 4, 2011      11:00am

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PRELUDE      Joanna Bailey

ANNOUNCEMENTS      MINUTE FOR OUTREACH

+CALL TO WORSHIP

L- *In our gathering, can we be so bold as to praise God?*

P- **We praise God for the love we feel in his presence.**

L- *Can we be so faithful to love God in return?*

P- **Only let our love be evident by all that we do at home or away, in worship or at work or at play. In serious consideration and during times of silliness;**

**ALL- *Let all that we say and do reach toward loving God as God loves us.***

+HYMN OF PRAISE 2027 Now Praise the Hidden God of Love  
(alternate tune)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**It is not only what we have done that grieves us, but what we have not done, or things unknown to us that have knocked us about, or things we said in jest that hurt another, or our silence, when we feared that we did not have a good word to speak. It is important for us to know we are doing right by you. And while we are well aware of our flaws, keep us pointed in the direction of perfection such that knowing we may never reach it, in the journey we find ourselves doing better.**

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*L- The mercy of God stretches from everlasting to everlasting-- which is farther than we can conceive or even imagine. To understand God's love on the basis of that-- is nearly impossible for human beings. But we believe that it is enough and that there is no sin that cannot be forgiven, if confessed and repented. Rest secure in this blessing from God. Our sins are forgiven!*

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*The forgiven people of God may move about the sanctuary offering and receiving the peace of Jesus Christ.*

HYMN STF 2258 Sing Alleluia to the Lord

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, we ask that you drive all darkness from within us with the brightness and with the power of your Word. Amen**

THE LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 12:1-14

THE LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE Romans 13:8-14

THE SERMON A Sense of Urgency

Rev. Don Smith

## THE SERVICE OF GIVING

The Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Signing the Friendship Register

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

HYMN STF 2108 O How He Loves You and Me

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**M-** *Let us pray*

*And*

**ALL-** Lord of the heavens and all the planets, Lord of all life and all death, Lord of font, of loaf and cup, we find joy in the presence of Jesus and his invitation to come and eat and drink his essence. We who are far too well acquainted with our imperfections find incredible blessing in this opportunity and we thank you for it. As the days pass, and September turns to October, help us find the time to reflect on these sacred moments of food and drink which we need to sustain us. Help us in the memory of time to strengthen us spiritually in a way similar to our daily bread.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+THE SANCTUS

**Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts (repeat)**  
**The whole earth is filled with His glory (repeat twice)**  
**Holy is the Lord.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

UNISON PRAYER

**Loving God, we thank you for this meal shared in the Spirit with your Son Jesus who renews us and strengthens us and who promises us life eternal. We thank you that he remains with us in this and in so many other ways; that he continues to bless us and be a blessing for us.**

+HYMN STF 2226 Bind Us Together

+THE CHARGE

+THE POSTLUDE

+THE BENEDICTION