

Welcome!

January 17, 2016 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paulette Baker, lay leader

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from *Re:worship* blog on "Draw us closer"

ONE: God our Creator, we call You Father, Mother, Author of Life: draw us closer to You, O God.

MANY: Christ our Savior, we call You the Son, the Messiah, the One who Saves: draw us closer to You, O God.

ONE: Holy Spirit, we call You the Advocate, the Inspirer, Breath and Wind of God: draw us closer to You, O God.

MANY: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory: draw us closer to You, O God.

ALL: Draw us in, Spirit, Christ and Creator, that we might journey with You more fully and deeply, in this life and beyond. Amen

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Acolyte

*HYMN OF INTENTION

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

No. 158

ANTHEM

+ *My Soul's Been Anchored*

Moses Hogan

In the Lord. My soul's been anchored, Hallelujah, my soul's been anchored in the Lord. Before I'd stay in hell one day I'd sing and pray my self away. Gonna shout and pray and never stop until I reach the mountain top. Do you love him? God Almighty? Are you anchored? My soul's been anchored in the Lord. Will you serve him? God Almighty? Hallelujah, will you praise him? God almighty? Lord I'm anchored, Lord I love you, yes I'll serve you, Lord I praise you. Hallelujah!

Schola Cantorum; Daniel Parsley, director

+++ *MLK*

U2; arr. Chilcott

Sleep, sleep tonight; And may your dreams be realized. If the thunder cloud passes rain; so let it rain down on Him. So let it be. Sleep, sleep tonight; And may your dreams be realized

Chancel Choir; Tom Deuce & Alanna Shadrake, soloists; Daniel Parsley, director

+++ CHILDREN'S SERMON

Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director

**Please stand, as you are able*

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FAITH STORY

Christian Community with Small Groups, Tom Douce

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Mark Hayes

Harmonia Sacra brass; Dennis Sarver, director; Heather Cooper, piano

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94 or See Below

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Genesis 17: 1-8 pg. 13 OT

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK IN OUR LIVES

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND THE 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 glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF CENTERING

"Saranam, Saranam"

No. 523

Vs. 1 choir alone; *Saranam* means "I take refuge"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15: 4-5, 8-11 pg. 109 NT

SERMON

Being Close

Rev. Cara Stultz Costello

*HYMN OF MISSION

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

No. 528

*BENEDICTION

*CHRIST'S LIGHT TO THE WORLD

Acolyte

*POSTLUDE

Piano Dedication Concert: Heather Cooper & Julie Sarver

Join us on Sunday January 31, 2015 at 4:00 PM for our "88 Key Piano Dedication Concert" by pianist Heather Cooper and flautist Julie Sarver.

This concert also celebrates the kickoff of FUMC's *Soli Deo Gloria* music series. A free will offering will be taken and a reception follows the program. Our friends from the Steinway Piano Gallery of Cleveland will be joining us to answer any questions about this wonderful instrument.

CLOSE WORSHIP SERIES

Do you have any close friends? Chances are you have other friends too. Maybe you move in the same social circles, work together or go to the same school. It's not that you *don't* like them. You just aren't that close. For most of us, our relationship with God feels like it swings between those two extremes. We all go through times when our relationship with God seems more "far" than "near", but what do we do about it? Thankfully, in scripture, God makes it clear that God's desire is to be close with us.

Be on a journey back toward a place of 'CLOSE.'

Sunday January 24th— Staying Close * YOUTH SUNDAY * @ 8:30, 9:45 and 11



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Close Worship Series

Co-Pastors: Revs. Cara & Steve Stultz Costello

Organist: Heather Cooper

Liturgists: +Sue Bell +++ Tom Strauch

Greeters: + Rob & Tory Christian+++ Richard & Nancy Pryce

Next Sunday, January 24 Close Worship Series, Youth Sunday

Scripture Focus: Selections from Genesis & Refuge resource Close

Youth preaching

8:30 Youth Sunday Brass, Youth Sunday Soloists, & Heather Cooper, organ

9:45 Youth Sunday Modern Worship Ensemble

11:00 Youth Sunday Brass, Youth Sunday Soloists & Heather Cooper, organ

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