

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 23, 2008 9:30 A.M. REIGN OF CHRIST

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETING & SHARING

ORGAN PRELUDE

Please use this time to greet one another with the love of Christ.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world filled with distractions and false guidance, we come to worship.

Here is where we find our strength and balance.

We come to find our way, to refuel our spirit and reclaim our place.

We have been lost and confused and know this is the place for safety.

Come, people of God, and let us worship the Lord, our shepherd.

O Lord, we come, we come to you alone. Amen.

*HYMN #461 *“Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Most holy shepherd, we come this morning seeking you, searching for truth and direction. We know that it is only through you that we find our way. You have always searched for us, so we ask you to come for us now. Come into our worship service today, so we may be set right and nurtured to do your will, we ask in your name. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #493

CHILDREN'S TIME

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 100

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Simple Gifts”*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON: “when was it we saw you...?”

*SERMON HYMN (Insert) *“Jesu, Jesu”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

Offertory Sentences

Hymn #258

Offertory & Offering

*Doxology #551

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord Jesus, we bring our offerings to you, hoping that they will help feed your hungry brothers and sisters, provide a drink to your thirsty brothers and sisters, help your brothers and sisters who are suffering here in our community and around the world. Bless these gifts that they would go further and do more than we could ever imagine. Amen.

*HYMN OF PARTING (Insert) *“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”*

*COMMISSION & BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (Congregation Sings)

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings

Bear you on the breath of dawn

Make you to shine like the sun

And hold you in the palm of His hand

*POSTLUDE

*Those that are able please stand