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The Celebration of Worship Celebration of High School Seniors

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8:45 and 11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

"I've loved you the way My Father has loved Me. Make yourselves at home in My love. If you keep My commands, you'll remain intimately at home in My love. That's what I've done—kept My Father's commands and made Myself at home in His love. I've told you these things for a purpose: that My joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is My command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are My friends when you do the things I command you. I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father. You didn't choose Me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit-bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to Me, He gives you. But remember the root command: "Love one another."

John 15:9-17 The Message

VOLUNTARY

Adagio from Sonata in C Minor, op. 56
Fred Gaul, organist

Alexandre Guilmant

MARKING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT (11:00)

Wonderful Words of Life

arr. the FPC Lyres Club

The FPC Lyres Club

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

Leader: Sing to our God a new song, telling an ancient truth: God is love.

All: Our lives are a sign of God's love, made alive in the world.
All that we are and do springs from God's creative love.

Leader: Our work shows God's love to others.

All: Our friendship with one another is built on God's enduring love.
Community is a sign of love at work.

Leader: Our faith grows from love and shows it back to the world.

All: Our worship grows from our love for God,
and happens within God's encircling love for us.

Leader: In love and trust, faith and hope, let us worship the source of love.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

You Are My All in All
(See insert)

Jernigan

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Claire Butler

*RESPONSE

Step By Step

Strasser

O God, You are my — God, and I will ev-er praise You.

I will seek You in the morn - ing and I will learn to walk in Your ways. —

And step by step You'll lead — me, and I will fol-low You all of my days.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Claire Butler

Loving God, Your Son Jesus calls us friends, and commands us to love one another. So often we fail. We confuse loving one another with liking one another. When we cannot like one another, we give up on loving. We smile falsely and speak ill of others. We grieve You with our weak love. O God, have mercy on us. Choose us yet again. Secure in Your love, help us to love one another.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, and greet each other by name.
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS (11:00)

Claire Butler

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Amy Weintraub
Covenant House Executive Director

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Children in first through fifth grades are invited to worship in the chapel at this time today.

*HYMN 343

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Claire Butler

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bill McCoy

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Offertory in E

Theodore DuBois

*Doxology (Please stand and sing)

HYMN 591

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

