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The Celebration of Worship Stewardship Sunday

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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.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

James 5:13-20

VOLUNTARY

Andante in F
Fred Gaul, organist

Anton Bruckner

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Sing to the King
(See insert)

Billy Foote
and Charles Christopher Horne

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Claire Butler

*RESPONSE

Lord Most High

Don Harris and Gary Sadler

From the ends of the earth, from the depths of the sea,
from the heights of the heav - ens Your name be praised!
From the hearts of the weak, from the shouts of the strong,
from the lips of all peo - ple this song we raise, Lord!
Throughout the end-less ag-es You will be crowned with praises, Lord Most High!
Ex - alt - ed in ev - 'ry na - tion Sov - reign of all cre - a - tion,
Lord Most High, be mag - ni - fied!

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

Leader: Loving God, we are a restless people.

When things don't go our way and we grow impatient,

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: Like the Israelites with Moses,

we sometimes find it hard to trust You and follow Your instructions.

People: Forgive us, Lord, when we overlook Your presence and forget to trust in Your care.

Leader: When in our haste to have things our way we forget all that You have done for us,

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, and help us to trust in Your love, no matter what happens.

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, so you may greet each other by name.
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 364

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

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

Jim Roberts

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

"Pie Jesu" from *Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré

*Doxology

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim Roberts

God Who creates us, Christ Who redeems us, Holy Spirit Who fills us with wondrous gifts, we come with our tithes and our offerings. Accept them and use them to further Your kingdom.
Amen.

