

CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF THEIR AUTHOR

March 18, 2012

Ten-Thirty O'clock

GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Lau

Welcome to Immanuel Baptist Church. At this time please find a blue visitor's card in the pew rack, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate.

The Greeting Steven Meriwether

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

ADORING

The Choral Introit "What Wondrous Love Is This" Arr. Christiansen

*The Processional Hymn 345 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI

*The Call to Worship Jon Cooper

One: As longs the deer for cooling streams in parched and barren way,

Many: so longs my soul, O God, for thee and thy refreshing grace.

One: For thee, my God, my thirsty soul doth pine:

Many: water the desiccated edges of my soul, make me fresh again!

One: Why restless, why cast down, my soul? Hope still, and thou shalt sing

Many: of one who hung on a cross in the searing heat of his day and thirsted.

One: As longs the deer for cooling streams

All: I long for Jesus who leads me beside still waters and says, "If anyone is thirsty, drink."

*The Invocation

HEARING THE WORD

The Psalter Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22 Tambi Swiney

The New Testament Lesson Ephesians 2.1-10 Jon Cooper

The Choral Worship "God is Light" K. Lee Scott

"God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness

We lie and do not live in the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship

One with another and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure:

Flee the world, which would deceive us and to sin our souls allure,

Ever in His footsteps treading, body here, yet soul above,

Full of faith and hope and love let us do the Father's bidding.

Faithful Lord abide within me; Savior, lead I follow Thee."

(Sigismund von Birken, 1871-1941--based on 1 John 1.5b-7)

*The Gospel Lesson John 9.1-12 Steven Meriwether

One: This is the gospel of Grace.

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon "A Blind Beggar Receives His Sight"

The Moment of Silence

The Call to Decision

RESPONDING

*The Hymn of Decision 602 "In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came" HE LIFTED ME

*The Offertory Prayer Abigail Reynolds

The Offertory "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" Lau

*The Gloria Patri and Presentation of Offerings GLORIA PATRI

The Confession of Sin Tambi Swiney

The Assurance of Pardon "Jesus Paid It All" ALL TO CHRIST

I am resolved to go to the Savior, leaving my sin and strife;

He is the true one, He is the just one, He has the words of life.

I will hasten to Him, hasten so glad and free;

Jesus, greatest, highest, I will come to Thee.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Pastoral Welcome Steven Meriwether

(Order of Worship continues on the insert.)

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*The Hymn of Departing 587 “Amazing Grace” NEW BRITAIN
The Benediction Tambi Swiney
The Postlude “Concerto” Tambling
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