



PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
RECEIVING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

GATHERING WORDS

Leader: Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.
People: We glorify the One who holds our hands when we slip.
Leader: Come into the presence of the One who calls us into this sacred space.
People: Where the doors to grace are thrown open so all may enter.
Leader: Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.
**People: We will tell of the joy and of the love,
of the peace and of the hope which is ours.**

***PRAISE SONG** **"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"** **#466**

***CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Leader: What is our hope? Simply put, it is that God does not give up on us. With such good news, we can dare to bring our prayers to the One who will not cast aside our words or our hearts. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

***PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS (unison)**

We admit, Knowing God, that from plastic cards to websites, from handheld devices to stock options, we are surrounded by a variety of gods who demand our worship. We can all too easily believe that work is our life, that wealth is the reason for our being, and that success is the very air we breathe.

Forgive us, God of mercy. You are not found in a computer chip, but in the child who holds our hand. You are not a simple tweet, but the Word that can transform our very lives. You are not a disembodied, constantly recalculating voice, but the One who calls us to life, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Despite everything we do, God loves us. This grace is why we can dare to hope.

People: **We will witness to this hope in every word we speak to every person we meet. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

***PRAYER SONG "O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go" 384 vs. 1**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Children are invited to come forward to sit on the steps)

SCRIPTURE Janice Thomas, Liturgist **John 14:15-21**

MESSAGE ***"Eternal Promises"***

***SONG OF HOPE "I Love to Tell the Story"**

Verse 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
 Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
 I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true.
 It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

**Chorus I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory
 To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

Verse 2 I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
 Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
 I love to tell the story; it did so much for me,
 And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. (chorus)

Verse 3 I love to tell the story; 'Tis pleasant to repeat
 What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.
 I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
 The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (chorus)

Verse 4 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
 Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
 And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (chorus)

ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/21/17

- **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – Session has called a special congregational meeting for **Today, May 21**, immediately after the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be two-fold:
 - Vote on two additional Members at Large for the Nominating Committee in order to make the Committee complete for 2017. Nominations include Sandy Sigler and Joni Wadsworth.
 - Presentation of a financial update on our Building Fund by the Finance Team. Your input is needed regarding potential changes to the Building Fund plan.
- **SESSION MEETING** – **Monday, May 22, 7:00 p.m.** (one week early due to Memorial weekend).
- **INNER PEACE AND DARKNESS & LIGHT** – A small group retreat with a purpose to help one move forward in life with greater peace and freedom. **To be held in the chapel of our Church, Thursdays, May 25 to June 22, from 10:00-12:00 noon or 7:00-9:00 p.m.** More information is in the May issue of Waynews, or flyers are on the kiosk in the Gallery. To sign up, please contact Rev. Bob Meyer at the Church office 330-345-6071.
- **OUT OF THE OFFICE** – Our Church Secretary will be out of the office from May 25 until June 20. During this time, as always, feel free to relay any ministry information to the Church through email: waynepreschurch@yahoo.com. As always, Rev. Bob can be contacted for urgent needs.



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