HYMN NOTES: Today we will sing two hymns from the 19th century that have long been standards of the church. “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” (833) was written by Scottish Dr. George Matheson on June 6, 1882. He wrote, “…it was the day of my sister’s marriage and the rest of the family was staying overnight in Glasgow. Something happened to me which was known only to myself, and which caused me the most severe mental suffering. The hymn was the fruit of that suffering… I am quite sure that the whole work was completed in five minutes. It never received at my hands any retouching or correction.” It was first published in Life and Work, the record of the Church of Scotland (1883) and The Scottish Hymnal (1885). With the same strange rapidity, the composer of the tune, Dr. Albert L. Peace read the poem and wrote the tune “straight off” with “the ink of the first note hardly dry” when he had finished the tune. The text deals with Love, Light, Joy, and the Cross—all giving reassurance in times of sorrow. “O Jesus, I Have Promised” (724, 725) was written by Englishman John Ernest Bode for his children’s confirmation (he was rector of the church). Originally six stanzas, the four in Glory to God are the ones now in common usage. The tune, ANGEL’S STORY, is the original musical setting for the hymn “I Love to Hear the Story Which Angel Voices Tell.” The composer, Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929) became organist and choirmaster of the now famous King’s College, Cambridge in 1876 and remained there until his death. Mann revolutionized the music there transforming the choir from the worst of the three choirs maintaining daily services to the most famous Anglican choir in the world.

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (2014/15 School Year) Room 3

Teacher: Nathan Rodewald

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3

Teachers: Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 16.

Teachers: Tracey Birch & Justine Raus

3rd-5th Grades Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.

Teacher: Joan & David Tobiassen

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children’s message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children’s Message or remain in worship with their parents.

Teacher: Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

Children Welcome to the Lord’s Table

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the “Elements” of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 AM Youth Room

11:00 AM Youth Room

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: Who were the Kings of the South and North? Come and join us as we study and learn together using Daniel, Chapter 11. Led by Bob Meier and Jeanette Holloway.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: A Review of recent articles from The Christian Century with class discussions and reactions. All are welcome at 9:30 in rooms 9 and 11.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 &15

TODAY: We are studying Nehemiah—a story that begins with his fellow Jews reporting that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were in terrible shape. God put it on his heart to rebuild the walls. Join our class to find out just how Nehemiah went about accomplishing this feat and how God’s love and faithfulness works in our lives on a daily basis.

Come, Grow, Go!

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WE GATHER
(11:00) Sue Miskiewicz

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY
arr. Arnold Sherman

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”
Westminster Youth Ringers and Singers

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(10:30) Sue Miskiewicz

*HYMN #826
“Lift High the Cross”
CRUCIFER

WE GATHER

CALL TO CONFESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Abba God, we come to You knowing that we have gone astray from Your ways. We have sought the pleasure and comfort of worldly gain. We have desired more and have striven to have more things, minimizing the needs of others. Most of all, we have turned our hearts away from You to love the things of this world more than You. Forgive us. Create in us clean and renewed hearts, where Your love may dwell. Call us back to the ways of love, justice, and peace that you modeled and taught for us. By your grace enable us to leave behind the corrupt and corrosive ways of this world, to lose our life for Your sake, so that we may find New Life in You. In the powerful name of Jesus the Christ we do pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #81
GLORIA PATRI

“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.”

ANTHEM

“And Can It Be”
Dan Forrest

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th’eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.
Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING
Johann Nicolaus Hanff

“Auf meinen lieben Gott”
(1630-1706)
(In My Dear God I Trust)

*HYMN #833
“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”
(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

*COUNCIL READING

SCRIPTURE READING (page 642)
Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

*HYMN #826
“Lift High the Cross”
CRUCIFER

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 875)
John 12:20-33 (NRSV)

SERMON
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

“A Strange, Scandalous Glory”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #724
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”
(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

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GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

ANTHEM

“Lift High the Cross”
Charles W. Ore

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.