**MUSIC NOTES:**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” (104)

This hymn text was written by the German Paul Gerhardt and first published in 1653. He pastored several churches in Germany including the famous St. Nicholas Church, Berlin from which he was removed from the pulpit by the Elector Friedrich Wilhelm, a strict Calvinist. Gerhardt’s wife and four of their five children preceded him in death. He wrote over 100 hymns, three of which appear in *Glory to God* (104, 703, 815).

The tune VALET WILL ICHE GEBEN was composed for the text of that name by Melchior Teschner. It was composed after a five-month period in 1613 when bubonic plague had killed over 2000 people in his community. The tune is also associated with the Palm Sunday hymn, “All Glory, Laud and Honor.”

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**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message. Justine Ruisz

**9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (15/16 School Year), Room 3, Tim & Jessica Jones

1st & 2nd Grades, Room 4

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Melissa Patel & Justine Ruisz

3rd & 4th Grades, Room 8

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Bill Sutton & Jean Swintek

5th Grade students are welcome to worship at the beginning of the service with their families or go to room 8 with the 3rd & 4th graders. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, 5th grade may join the Sunday school class in room 8 or remain in service. Todd & Tanya Adkisson

**11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message. Barbara Engleheart & Nancy Stevens

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 Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

**9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

On the 1st Sunday we will meet in the Ignite service to enjoy worship and communion together. Middle and High Sunday School will be in the Youth Room on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**9:30 AM Serendipity Class**

Join us in rooms 13&15 to continue our study of Revelation led by Bob Meier and Jeanette Holloway.

**9:30 AM TCI Sunday School Class (Today’s Christian Issues)**

The TCI Class will discuss some of the issues surrounding the terrorists attacks and the questions being asked about Christians supporting the turning away of Syrian refugees. How does our faith help us to resolve a number of difficult problems at a time when we are faced with threats of more terrorist attacks. Coffee and cookies will be available.

**11:00 AM Experiencing God Class**

Join us in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger. All are welcome.
**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

“Two Settings: ‘O Lord, How Shall I Meet You’”

Paul Manz

(based on the tune of the closing hymn #104) (1919-2009)

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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST*  
( Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

**HYMN #93** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO

**THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE**

Lighting the Candle

(8:15) Bailey Shields and Leslie McHale

(11:00) Steve & Dawn Winder

Ethan & Kylie Crossley

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (all singing, seated)

LYONS

The candle of hope we light in this hour proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.

We wait for a future, now hidden from view, when Christ in his glory will make all things new.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN #71** “Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”

FIRST SONG

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Exodus 3:1-15 (page 44)

Matthew 1:18-25 (page 783)

**SERMON**

“When God Breaks In… There Is Hope”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**HYMN #104** “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**Benediction**

**CHILDREN’S ANTHEM**

(8:15, congregation seated) “Deo Gracias”

Natalie Sleeth

NJC Seraph (K-2nd) & Angel (3rd-5th) Choirs

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

“Impromptu on VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN”

Alexandre Guilmant

(based on the tune of the closing hymn #104) (1837-1911)

(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.