

# Wintergarden Presbyterian Church



“From A to Z”

Rev. Ruth Schaaff

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Prelude

*“Come We That Love the Lord”*

Aaron Williams

Welcome

Wintergarden Life     *Our Liturgist today is Bob Stout*

Pass the Peace of Christ

\* Gathering Song (#485)

*“To God Be the Glory”* vs1

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!

Call to Worship [Responsive]

Psalm 106

Leader: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,  
and whose steadfast love endures forever.

People: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or  
declare the praise God is due?

Leader: Happy are those who observe justice, who do  
righteousness at all times.

People: Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your  
people; help me when you deliver them.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn (#473)

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”* vs1,4&5

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

\*Prayer of Confession [Unison]

O Christ, we confess that we, too, make light of your invitation. We are reluctant to come when the feast is made ready. Our time is committed; business is pressing. We are afraid we will be with the wrong people. At times dissension hinders our response. We are not at peace with those likewise invited. We are in need of forgiveness to heal our divisions, and a measure of mercy to partake of your grace.

\*Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Forgiveness

\*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.*

Words with Young Worshipers

Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer** [Unison]

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.

Hymn (#438)

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

1. Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

3. We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.
4. From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

### First Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-7; 3:14-15(NRSV)

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. And you, O mortal, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns surround you and you live among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. You shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house. The spirit lifted me up and bore me away; I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the Lord being strong upon me. I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who lived by the river Chebar. And I sat there among them, stunned, for seven days.

### Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21 (NRSV)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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### \*Affirmation of Faith [Unison]

Apostles Creed

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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Invitation to Offering

### Offertory

### \*Doxology [Unison]

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

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Hymn (#376)

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” vs1,2&4*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit,  
Let us find the promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response (#535)

*“Go With Us God”*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
Through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and true  
Our lives may be our gift to You.

Postlude

*“Who Is On the Lords Side”*  
John Goss

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