

# Wintergarden Presbyterian Church



“Little Things Mean A Lot”

Rev. Ruth Schaaff

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**Prelude**

*“O Lord Thou Righteous God”*

Anon 1710

**Welcome**

**Wintergarden Life**

*Our Liturgist today is Kathy Jacobs*

**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 30

Leader: Sing praise to the Lord, O you faithful one, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

**People: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!**

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have clothed me with joy,

**People: So that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord, my God, I will praise you forever.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**Prayer of Adoration**

Eternal God, we come rejoicing with gladness of heart, singing your praises and adoring your wondrous gifts of love. You cause the darkness of night to steal away with the dawn. You bring us promise of new life in the gift of Jesus our Savior. We arise refreshed from the rest you give, and wait for your Spirit to fill us with the hope of the gospel. Come, Creator Spirit, and dwell here among us. Hear our songs of thanksgiving as we seek to worship you in thought, word, and deed.

**Hymn (#274)**

*“O God of Earth and Stars”* vs 1&4

1. O God of earth and space,  
Of sea and fire and air,  
Your providence surrounds us here  
And everywhere.  
In fruit and grain and tree,  
In shelter from the cold,  
In cooling breezes, flowing wells,  
Now as of old.

4. Your word commands response  
And summons us to life.  
We follow, strengthened by Your grace,  
In calm or strife.  
Our ever-present help,  
Our challenge and our prod,  
We praise You now and to life's end,  
Eternal God.

**\*Prayer of Confession** [Unison]

Merciful God, hear our confession as we pray in Christ's name. We claim to be faithful, but we obey not your commandments. We boast of our hope, yet we dwell not in faith. We gather security about us while others go hungry. We arm ourselves mightily as though we could buy peace of mind. We hear Christ's words of assurance, but we live not in his promise. Forgive our ambivalence, as in Christ we repent.

**\*Silent Confession**

**\* Assurance of Forgiveness**

Our help is in God. "It is God who justifies. . . . It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ?" Know that as we confess our sin, God is just. Through Jesus Christ, who intercedes on our behalf, we have assurance that God forgives us.

**\*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 (#359) (Maryse)**

*"More Love to Thee, O Christ" vs1&2*

1. More love to Thee, O Christ,  
More love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make  
On bended knee.

This is my earnest plea:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee,  
More love to Thee!

2. Once earthly joy I craved,  
Sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek,  
Give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee,  
More love to Thee!

### **First Reading**

Matthew 4:1-11(NRSV)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

### **Second Reading**

John 6:1-14 (NRSV)

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by

those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**The Word Proclaimed**  
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Rev. Ruth

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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**

**Choral Offertory**

*“African Sanctus”*

**\*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**

God of all grace and goodness, throughout the ages you have looked after the needs of your children; we thank you for your mercy. Bless the words we speak, that they may proclaim your greatness. Look with favor on those acts we perform, that we may show others your tender love. Make us responsive to the high calling of Jesus, as we offer you gifts in his name.

**Hymn (#391) (Maryse)**

*“Take My Life and Let It Be” vs1,3&5*

1. Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing,  
Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

**\*Benediction**

**\*The Benediction Response (#539)**

*“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”*

vs2

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

**Postlude**

*“Be Ever Near Me Lord”*  
Anon 1698



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