Bulletin Notes

Liturgist: Megan Muir
Choir Director: Dustin Stamey*
Organist: Lisa Caudle

Unity Quartet: Kim Smith, Nancy Bost,

Marty Smith, Joe Lampron

We are glad that you are here on the first Sunday of the Lenten season. Our theme for Lent is "What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend?" The language that we think of today is the Language of Peace.

The cover of the bulletin today is a picture of a display created by Susue Leith following the activities on Martin Luther King's birthday. In the activity, the participants, thinking about joining hands with others in the world, were asked to trace their hands. Susue then took those and put them together to create this beautiful symbol of hope for peace in the world.

A Word for Our Visitors

We are very glad you are visiting us today. Please take a moment to fill out the information form in the red pew tablet.

Hearing Assistance - We offer hearing assistance headphones which can be worn anywhere in the sanctuary. Please pick up a set in the AV booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Restrooms - Our restrooms are located outside the sanctuary in our gathering area. See an usher for directions.

Membership - If you are interested in becoming a member of Unity, see the New Member Team representative in the gathering area following each service. You may join by certificate of transfer from another church, affirmation of faith, or reaffirmation of faith.

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THE LANGUAGE OF PEACE

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY MARCH 9, 2014 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

^{*}Our thanks goes to Brandon Meeks, who is filling in today while Dustin is on vacation.

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Imagine" from Playing for Change Playing for Change Playing for Change is a project started in 2004 with the organization's self-described goal to "inspire, connect, and bring peace to the world through music". The creators of the project, Mark Johnson and Enzo Buono, traveled around the world to places including New Orleans, Barcelona, South Africa, India, Nepal, the Middle East and Ireland. Using mobile recording equipment, the duo recorded local musicians

performing the same song, interpreted in their own style.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNEMENTS

Carol Clark and Megan Muir

Please sign and pass the friendship register on the end of the pew.

OPENING OF WORSHIP

"Adagio" Schumann

Mary Sinski, cello

CALL TO WORSHIP Please join in reading from Isaiah 11:1-2; 6-7.

Leader: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,

and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

People: The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him: Leader: the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

People: The spirit of counsel and might,

Leader: The spirit of knowledge **People:** And the fear of the Lord.

Leader: The wolf shall lie down with the lamb,

People: And the leopard shall lie down with the kid, Leader: The calf and the lion and the fatling together,

People: And a little child shall lead them.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "God of the Sparrow" 6 Verses PH #272

*INVOCATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MOMENTS WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

One Great Hour of Sharing

- * All children are invited to come forward.
- * At the 9:30am service, children who wish to go to Sunday School are dismissed to their classes.
- * For our youngest children, there is a staffed nursery with pagers and there is a quiet room in the back of the sanctuary where you can hear the service. Ask an usher for directions.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS including the Nickel a Meal Offering Offertory Anthem "Beneath the Shadow of Almighty God" Fettke (9:30) Quartet (11:00) Unity Choir - with Mary Sinski, cello Prayer of Dedication

READING AND HEARING OF GOD'S WORD

*Hymn "Do You Hear What I Hear?" 4 Verses see insert
New Testament Lesson Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon "Going Home Another Way" Carol Clark

PRAYERS FOR PEACE led by members of the Compassion, Peace, and Justice Team
Ken Sipes, Dave Fechtmeister, Susue Leith, Troy Haddox, Catherine Fowler
Time of Prayer and Reflection "Goin' Home" Dvorak Mary Sinski, cello

DEDICATION OF THE PEACE POLE

Description of the Peace Pole

David Keck

*Recessional Hymn "The Trees of the Field" STF No. 2279

Please follow the members of the CPJ team to the Peace Pole for our dedication.

*Special Music "Jesus Loves Me" Unity Children

*Litany for Peace from The Kids for Peace Project Madeline Carey (9:30)
Ashley Fowler (9:30 & 11:00)

Child: I pledge to use my words to speak in a kind way.

People: May peace prevail on earth.

Child: I pledge to help others as I go throughout my day.

People: May peace prevail on earth.

Child: I pledge to care for our earth with my healing heart and hands.

People: May peace prevail on earth.

Child: I pledge to respect people in each and every land.

People: May peace prevail on earth.

Child: I pledge to join together as we unite the big and small.

People: May peace prevail on earth.

Child: I pledge to do my part to create peace for one and all.

People: May peace prevail on earth.

*Special Music "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Grant Us Peace) Unity Ensemble/Choir

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*Those who are able, please stand.

PH is the hard-backed Presbyterian Hymnal. STF is our small "Sing the Faith" songbook. Both are located in the back of the pew.

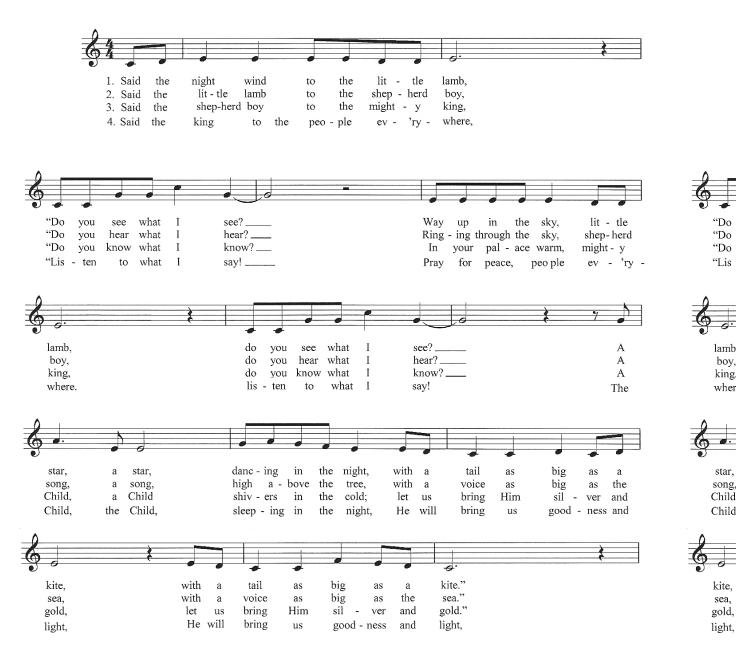
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, and Magi.		
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daily worship. Later the term was used to mean:		
1 weaver of spells.		
2. Diviner - not a sorcerer but someone who studied the starts to predict the		
future; an They were well respected as scientists.		
There was a belief that when the stars aligned themselves properly a		
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