

# Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Welcome** to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

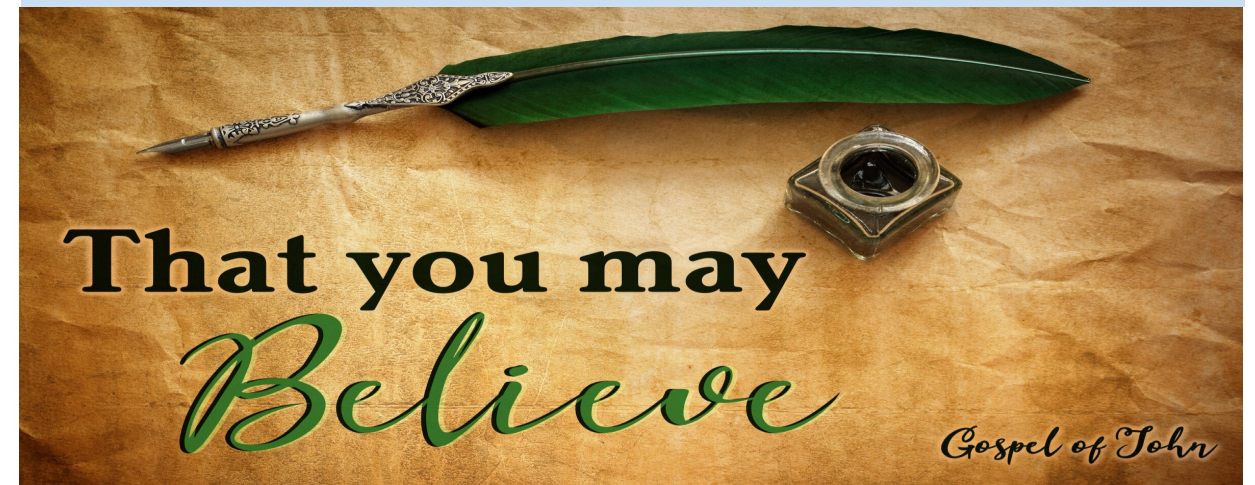
## SERVING TODAY

Jackson Weller	Minister of Discipleship
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
David Parris	Sound
Jackie Rochford	Liturgist
Barbara Wilkins	Security, side door and offering
David Parris	Greeter
Kathy Dolianitis and Lorraine Willeford	Sunday School
Kelly Gilson	Time for Young Disciples

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# A Service for the Worship of God

## GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

*As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshipers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.*

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** “Shepherd Lead Us” with “He Leadeth Me” by Bradbury, arr Berry

**INVOCATION** (Isaiah 46, Psalm 115, 1 Corinthians 16)

O LORD our God, whose very name is glorious, who possesses steadfast love and faithfulness, who resides in the heavens and does all that you please: You alone are our help and our shield, therefore we fear you and trust you. Remember us today, we pray, and bless us. Grant us grace to worship you rightly. Open our lips to sing your praises, and do not let us go down into silence. Let us bless you, O LORD, from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, to whom alone worship is due. Amen.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice, folks, Jesus is in our midst.

**Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.**

Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

**Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.**

Sing for joy, people of God; God gathers up the pieces of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

**Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

**GTG#1**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday (2/21)**

**Bell Choir** at 5 p.m.

**Wednesday (2/22)**

**Ladies Night Out Supper** at 6 p.m.

**Youth Activities** from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday Service** at 7 p.m.

**Thursday (2/23)**

**Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Choir Rehearsal** at 5 p.m.

**Sunday (2/26)**

**Congregational Meeting** following worship to accept the annual report and discuss flooring project

**Confirmation Class** following worship

## Anthem Lyrics

### *“I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”*

Text based on Psalm 116 | Lyrics by Isaac Watts African American Spiritual, arr. Richard Smallwood

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.

Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.

O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

Richard Smallwood (born November 30, 1948) is an American gospel artist originally from Atlanta, Georgia. He moved to Washington, D.C. with his family at the age of 10. He graduated with honors from Howard University, a dual major in classical vocal performance and piano.

Smallwood completed graduate work in ethnomusicology. In 1977, he formed The Richard Smallwood Singers which went on to a successful recording career starting in 1982. Their second album, *Psalms*, was nominated for a Grammy (1984), and later Smallwood's *Textures* also received a Grammy nod (1987). *Textures* included a co-authored song with Bill and Gloria Gaither.

Smallwood's work as a producer eventually won him Grammy and Dove Awards for producing Quincy Jones' gospel project *Handel's Messiah: A Soulful Celebration*. One of his biggest hits, "I Love the Lord" was made famous through the soundtrack of the 1996 film, "The Preacher's Wife" starring Whitney Houston. In addition to his career as a singer/songwriter, arranger, music director, composer, pianist, and producer, Richard Smallwood is also a minister, having earned the Master of Divinity degree in 2004 from Howard University. The Washington Post describes Smallwood's superior ability to "blend gospel with classical music" better than any other gospel artist in history.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

We gather as God's people, believing the promises fulfilled in Christ. We do not need to confess out of dread or fear, but in trust that God is faithful to forgive us and make us new. Join me as we pray, saying,

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, Who pours out freely the gift of Your Holy Spirit: We confess before You that we have failed to recognize this most valuable gift. We have been satisfied with ordinary things, suspicious of unfamiliar things, and blind to spiritual things. Cleanse and forgive us, O Lord. Burn away our presumption and self-sufficiency. Open us in faith to receive the renewing touch of Your hand. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God's blessings and remain standing for the "Gloria Patri".

## RESPONSE

*"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.*

## A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children through 5th Grade should join their teachers at the side door)

God of abundant love, in you, nothing is lost. Gather our offerings, as Jesus gathered up the baskets of leftover food. Gather our efforts, as Jesus gathered the hopes of the people who looked for a true king. Gather our service, as Jesus gathered people to God's heavenly banquet. Bless the offerings we have gathered, that nothing may be lost. Amen.

by Charles Tindley

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*"I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry" Watts/Spiritual, arr. Small-*

## John 6:1-21

## “Reconcile in the Storm”

## The Apostles' Creed

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**GTG# 265**

*"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" African-American Spiritual, arr. Berry*

## ***BENEDICTION***

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given  
to the Glory of God and in memory of  
The Reverend Jerry Broschart  
By his wife and children*