GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

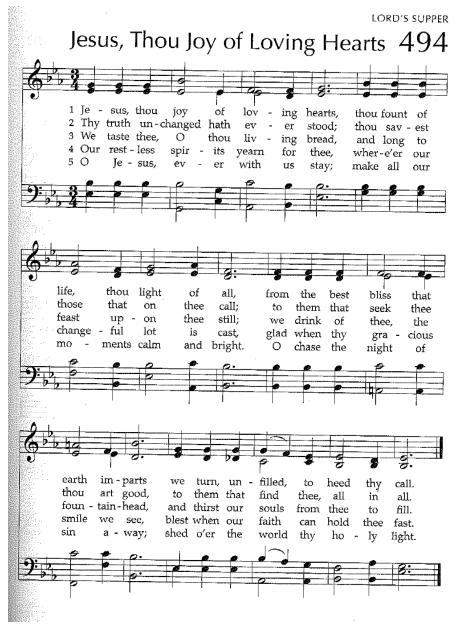
Prelude:

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Johann Walther

Invocation

*Hymn: # 494 "Jesus, Thou Joy of loving Hearts"



Prayer of Confession Assurance of Pardon

*Response: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to

God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "In Green Pastures" Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Lefebure Wely

Hymn: #460 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord.My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee. Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall. And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14: 13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late, send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon:

When Compassion Leads

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed (see insert)

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Hymn #803 " My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"



*Benediction Silent Prayer (be seated) Postlude: "May the Mind of Christ" arr. Jack Schrader

The End of Worship The Begining of service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of my Mother Given with Love by Sandy Schoettle

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an Ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Loretta & Kevin McClarigan

Today we welcome Mwat Dominic D. Asedeh to our pulpit. He is a missionary from Nigeria serving with the Evangelical Missionary Society of ECWA (Evangelical Church Winning All) and has also been a missionary in The Gambia. Mwat is married to Achsah and they have a beautiful 6 month old daughter, Dariah. He is doing the Master of Divinity course at Lancaster Theological Seminary, year 2. It is his first time in the US and July 29 marked his one year anniversary. He lives in Lancaster. He loves to watch documentaries, travel, see new places and try new things.