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**DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**504 West Chapel Hill Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701**

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**SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**  
**LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**MARCH 5, 2000**

TOWER BELLS 10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP 10:55 a.m.

**ENTRANCE AND PRAISE**

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Come, Blessed Death" J. S. Bach/V. Fox

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Our God comes, and a summons is heard through all the earth.

**Let us rise to greet our God with songs of great rejoicing.**

Our God comes, and a devouring fire leads the way.

**Let us dance around the blaze and be refined in its flames.**

Our God comes, and a mighty wind roars round about.

**Let us leap onto its wings and fly to heaven's door.**

Our God comes, and the shining forth blots out the sun.

**All: Let us kneel in silence before the light, for once we sat in darkness.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" ELLACOMBE

The cross and light precede us from the world into the sanctuary and from the sanctuary into the world.

The cross symbolizes the triumph of Christ. The light signifies God's presence with us.

\*OPENING PRAYER

**O God, you are the One who, on the very first day of creation, declared, "Let**

there be light"; and there was light, and you saw that it was good. Ever since, your light has been within us, but the gods of this world have eclipsed it. We can no longer see the sun that you set above us to illumine our way. Come to us, O Healer of Blindness, and shine your glory upon our hearts, that we might be your witnesses once again. If in this world we must be blind, let us be blinded by your presence. Amen.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

### ANTHEM

**"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"**

Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them. Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup: Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

### \*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

### MEDITATION

**"Too Soon They Forget"**

Ruth Harper Stevens

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. In Christ you bring light, yet we still dwell in darkness. Your word offers guidance, but we choose to ignore your counsel. You promise renewal, but we heed not your wisdom. We bow to the gods of this world, choosing to hide from your truth. Speak to us again from beyond the clouds of our sinfulness; dazzle us anew with the light of Christ's love. Restore and forgive us. Amen.**

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS



OFFERTORY

"Praeludium"

Lemmens

\*DOXOLOGY NO. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING NO. 17

(Please join in singing the following hymns during Communion: Nos. 454, 168, 636, & 188.)

As you come forward to receive communion, an offering may be placed on the communion rail to be used for our Good Samaritan Fund.

Your food offerings to the United Methodist Mission Society may also be left at the altar.

### SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 173

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

RATISBON

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"This Is the Feast of Victory"

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

\*GOING FORTH

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Festival Toccata"

Fletcher

**Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.**

\*Congregation is invited to stand.

**WELCOME:** You are warmly welcomed to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. Please sign the registration pad when it is passed to you. As it returns, note who is seated on your pew so you may speak to them after the service. Visitors, please give us your address so that we may share additional information about Duke Memorial with you.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED. FM SOUND ENHANCEMENT PERSONAL RECEIVERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED. PLEASE ASK ANY USHER FOR ASSISTANCE.**



We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

## **The General Rule of Discipleship**

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world,  
and to follow his teachings,  
through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion,  
under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

### **Our Pastoral Staff:**

Ruth Harper Stevens, Sr. Minister  
Lisa Brown Cole, Assoc. Minister

Robert J. Irvine, Minister of Music/Worship  
Ann C. Stallings, Assistant in Ministry

### **Our Support Staff:**

Tim Smith, Financial Secretary  
Mary Anne Holmes, Receptionist  
Helen King, Church Secretary  
Joe Stevens, Interim Operations Manager  
Cody Schuler, Minister to Youth  
Antje Brunotte, Divinity Intern

Al Buehler, Chimer  
Stuart McCracken, Chimer  
Dan Gelinne, Sound Technician  
Andrew Legge, Sound Technician  
Josh Allen, Sound Technician  
Joyce Musselwhite, Church Hostess

### **Church Office Hours**

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Friday

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