

12/27/2009

The Embracing Face of God

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE AS CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

Early Singing

G427 My Life Flows On
How Great Is Our God!
I Love You, Lord, and I Lift My Voice

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens on high!

Sun, Moon and stars, solar systems and galaxies – Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the depths of ocean and canyon!

Sea creatures swimming deep below the ocean surface and plant life growing in high mountain crevices . . . species known and those yet to be discovered – Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the whole earth in all its thriving diversity!

Microbes, insects, wild and domestic animals, women and men, infants, elderly, and everyone in between – Praise the Lord!

*All: For our eyes have seen your salvation which is for all creation.
Love incarnate in the Christ child. Praise the Lord!*

Opening Prayer

Gathering Song H48 All Creatures of Our God and King

Prayer of Confession

Song of Praise G344 The Stars Declare His Glory

HEARING GOD

Scripture reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Congregational Praise Psalm 148

Scripture reading Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Message God is With Us: The Embracing Face of God– R. Kuhl

Response Song G533 They'll Know We Are Christians

MINISTERING TO ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST-LIKE COMPASSION

Sharing and Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer reading: H728 in two divisions

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time
With one accord to make our common supplications to you,
And you have promised through your well-beloved Son,
That when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests.

(voice prayers of concern and praise)

Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us,
Granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
And in the age to come,
Eternal Life through Christ Jesus Our Lord. Amen.

Offering

SENT OUT BY GOD IN CHRIST-LED COURAGE

Song of Benediction and Sending

H 421 Bless'd be the Tie That Binds

NORTH SUBURBAN MENNONITE CHURCH

*“As a living body of Jesus Christ,
our vision at North Suburban
is to be a Christ-centered community,
embodying Christ-like compassion,
living with Christ-led courage.”*

2009 Advent Series ‘Let your face shine’

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| Nov 29 | The hidden face of God |
| Dec 6 | The comforting face of God |
| Dec 13 | The restoring face of God |
| Dec 20 | The indwelling face of God –
communion |
| Dec 24 | Christmas Eve Service at the
Civic Center at 5:30 pm -
Potluck following |
| Dec 27 | The embracing face of God |
| Jan 3 | Epiphany: The welcoming
face of God |



Sunday, December 27, 2009

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