**Morning Order of Worship**

December 29, 2013—9:30 AM

### REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship—Ephesians 5:19-20

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Songs of Worship

Screen—Grace Alone

## APPROACHING THE LORD

God’s Will For Our Lives—Galatians 5:13-26

Litany of Confession (on back cover)

Assurance of Pardon (on back cover)

Song of Assurance

PH #267 vs. 1, 4—*And Can It Be*

Congregational Prayer

Offering for Adoption Associates

**Evening Message Outline**

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Pastor Matt Riddle

***Evidence of Grace***

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

1. The Grace That Saves Us
2. The Grace That Changes Us

**A TIME OF LEARNING**

\*Song of Preparation

PH #501 vs. 1, 2, 7—*O For a Thousand Tongues…*

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 (page 1146)

Message: ***Evidence of Grace***

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application

PH #495 vs. 1, 2, 3—*I Know Not Why …*

### A TIME OF LIVING

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

PH #495 vs. 4—*I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace*

\*Postlude

#### **Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Pastor Matt Riddle

Organist: Sharon Machiela

Pianist: Betsy Shafer

Song Service: Hazel Kiekintveld

Children’s Message: Lisa Westra

*\*Please Stand*

**LISTENING TO THE LORD**

Song of Preparation

Screen—*Ancient Words*

Scripture: Mark 9:14-32 (page 978)

Message: ***Fickle Faith, Unwavering Grace***

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application

PH #498—*I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew*

### LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

PH #638—*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*Postlude

#### **Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Pastor Jonathan DePoy

Organist: Kathryn Zeinstra

Pianist: Brenda Molendyk

*\*Please Stand*

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**“Fickle Faith, Unwavering Grace”**

Mark 9:14-32

1. Introduction—2 Tips to Help You Study the Gospels
2. Compare Your Text with the Other Gospel Accounts
3. Place Your Text in the Proper Context
4. Context of Mark 9:14-32—Directly after the Transfiguration of Christ!

*While Peter, James and John are on the mountain with Jesus during the Transfiguration the other 9 disciples were at the bottom of the mountain unable to cast out an evil spirit.*

1. Why the Disciples were Unable to Cast out the Evil Spirit
2. The Disciples were Argumentative (vs. 14-16)
3. The Disciples Lacked Faith (vs. 19, 23)
4. The Disciples Lacked Disciplined Prayer (vs. 29)
5. A Sad Picture—A Sick Son and a Discouraged Father

*Can you identify with the Father?*

1. What the Father’s Words Remind Us

*Our Faith is Fickle*

1. What Jesus’ Miracle Remind Us

*God’s Grace is Unwavering*

**Evening Order of Worship**

December 29, 2013—6:00 PM

### A TIME OF PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Opening Song

HWC #457—*I Will Sing of the Mercies*

\*God’s Greeting

Song Service (please rise for the last song)

**A TIME OF FAITH**

\*Apostles’ Creed (page 813)

\*Song of Response

PH #504 vs. 1, 4—*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Congregational Prayer

Offering for Adoption Associates

(During the offertory, a slide show of the years’ past activities will be shown)

(After the offering, the organist will play *Jesus Loves Me* and the children are then invited forward for a Message)

Children’s Message

**Litany of Confession**

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;**

**according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O LORD!**

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

**Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.**

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

**Assurance of Pardon**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies. Also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.**

**For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,**

**but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” It is the very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Alleluia! Amen.**