

*consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive**

Our response this morning is: *hear our prayer.*

**LORD’S PRAYER - UNISON**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION - UNISON**

*We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives— giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen.*

*Sending*

**\*HYMN #729**

*“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”*

African American Spiritual

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

*... Alleluia! ... Amen.*

**\*RESPONSE #747**

*“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”*

Cartford, 1998

**POSTLUDE**

Selected

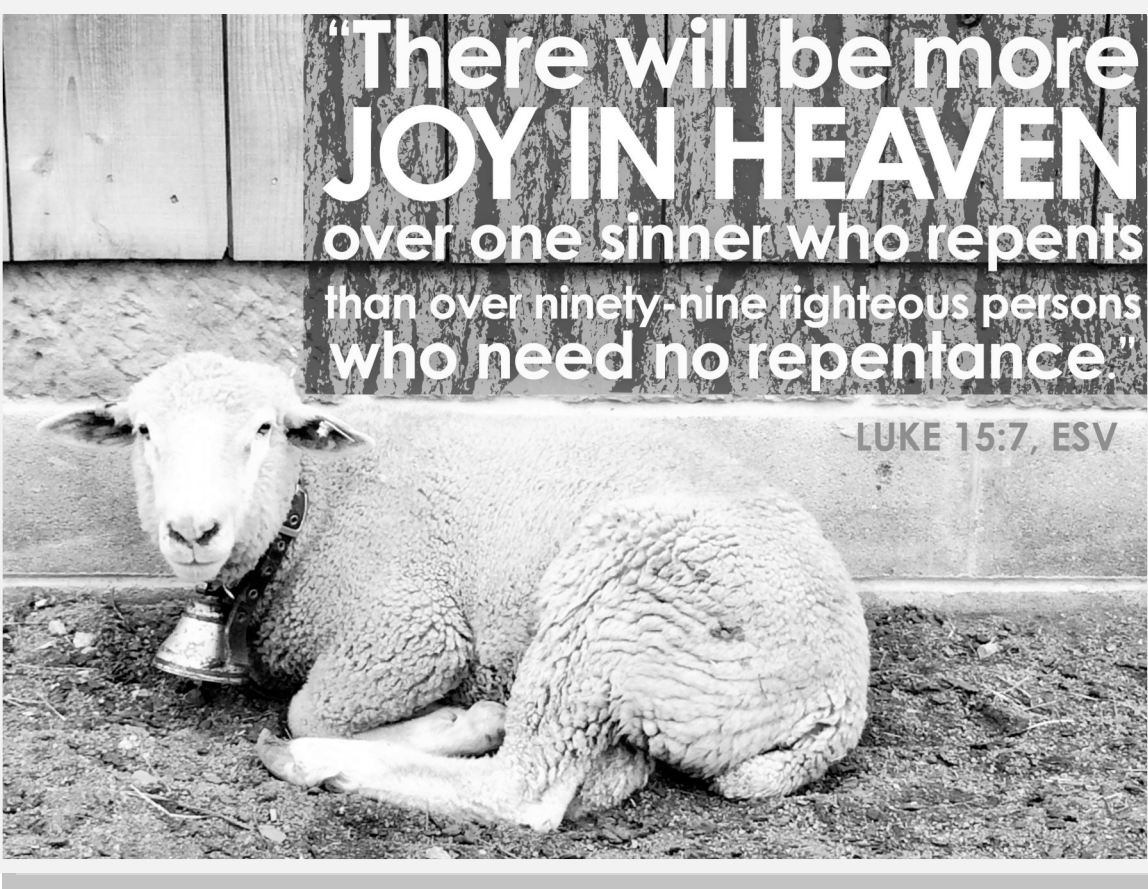
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# Service for the Lord's Day

## Gathering

*O Lord, you love and care for us, the sheep of your fold. You provide for us and nurture us with the food of your presence and the waters of your grace. Still, O Lord, we wander astray, as if we did not need your love. Still, O Lord, we wander astray, as if we could live this life on our own. Forgive us, Lord, and call us back with a gentle word and a reminder of your promises. Forgive us, Lord, and call us back with a shepherd's crook and a glimpse of your providence. For we fear we cannot find our way home without the sound of your voice to guide us.*

Word

*The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful*