



**Invitation to Offering** *Gifts of time, talent, and treasure make possible the mission and ministry we share. Thank you.*

### **Offertory**

\* **Doxology** (#780 NCH)

**Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

**Accept all that we offer, God of amazing grace. These are our gifts to you and to one another. Follow them with your blessing so that they extend goodness into the world. Whoever we are, wherever we are, we are yours and in your name we pray. Amen**

### **Text for the Day**

Christian Scripture                      Acts 1:1-11

### **Sermon**

“Dear Theophilus...”

\* **Hymn**

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

#337 NCH

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*There is a place for you at this table; you are welcome here.*

#### **Invitation**

One: The whole of creation is a gift to God's Beloved Community.

**All: We are called to love one another and all that God has created.**

One: May we embrace being the whole people of God: remembered, renewed, redeemed.

**All: May we be at peace with one another.**

#### **The Greeting of Peace**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**All: It is right to give God thanks & praise.**

One: Blessed are you Holy God, with all who know you and all who love you, we join the endless refrain:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe sings your glory, God Most High. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God: hosanna in the highest!**

## Words of Institution & Consecration of the Elements

**Sharing of the Bread & the Cup by Intinction** (Bread is gluten free; the cup contains grape juice. All are welcome to come forward to receive the sacrament. Dip the bread into the cup, eat, and return to your seat.)

### Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: Let us give thanks to God in union with the faithful everywhere.

**ALL: We thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of the living Christ; for gladness in this bread and cup; for love that cannot die; for peace that the world cannot give nor take away; for the glory of creation; and for the mission of justice that we can make our own. Fill us with the gifts of this sacrament: oneness of heart, love and forgiveness offered and accepted, the will to serve and the willingness to grow. In your holy name we pray: Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn

*Peace I Leave with You, My Friends*

#249 NCH

### Benediction

### Choral Response

### Postlude

Symphony No. 9 by Ludwig Van Beethoven

Catherine York, Organist

***As our worship together ends, our true service begins.***

After worship, all are welcome to gather for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall, hosted today by Diane Mix, Mary Merkley, and Rose Ahrens-Mince.

Greeting today are Roger Sevigny, George Hilton, and Karen Hilton.

Thank you to our Sound Engineers John Moore, Grant Armstrong, Russell Mason, and Fisayo Dada for running our sound system each Sunday morning.

For information about the Community Church of Durham United Church of Christ, or if you have a question or comment to share, please speak with a greeter or with Pastor Jill Small.



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