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Postlude

Collect

As our Lord Jesus Christ gave his body for the sacrifice for our sins, enable us, Lord God, to so give our lives in thankful service unto your holy name, that our lives may be a continual offering of praise. Grant us the grace of proclaiming the name of Jesus to our generation. May a multitude of people be called out of darkness and gathered into your church, united as one body under Christ our living Head, to whom be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen!

Worship Guide – Sunday, January 20, 2008 Faith Community Church

We Gather for Worship

God's Greeting

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all. **Amen.**

Call to Worship:

As You come to Jesus Christ, a living stone—rejected by men but chosen and valuable to God— you yourselves, as living stones, are being built into a spiritual house for a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

Opening Hymn-67 O God, Our Father, We Would Come Thee Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord... O come to the Father through Jesus the Son and give Him the glory great things He has done.

Invocation

Psalm 40:1-11

C170- I Waited on the Lord

We Bow in Penitence

Call to Confession – Psalm 32: 5

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

As God's children in this fallen order let us confess our sins and hear his pardon.

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Almighty and merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

and one another in both our actions and our inactions.

We recognize that in Jesus our light has come,

Yet often we choose to walk in the shadows

and ignore the light.

Gracious God, forgive our sins

and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illuminate us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon- Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

We Come before His Presence with Singing

-led by Mark and Larry

Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." And again, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."
Hebrews 2:11b-13

57 Gracious God We Worship Thee

72 O Blessed God, How Kind

59 Lord Jesus Christ We Seek Thy Face

He Brought Me Out

Prayers

We Hear the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination:

Pastor: Let us pray for the presence of the Spirit.

People: *Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word,*

Fill us with your Spirit.

Soften our hearts that we may discern your ways.

Fill us with your light, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Old Testament Reading- Isaiah 49:1-7

New Testament Reading- 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

New Testament Reading- John 1:29-42

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

We Lift Our Heart with Our Hands to Heaven

Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices

God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16

Congregational Prayers

Dedication of Offerings

Offering of Gifts:Hymn 544 All for Jesus, All for Jesus

The Proclamation of the Word

Scripture Text: Psalm 40 & Hebrews 10:5-10

Sermon- "Christ Jesus' Sacrifice of Worship" by Wayne Conrad

*Hymn of Response 99 I Hear the Words of Love

We Eat at the Lord's Table

led by Jeff Gregory

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

P. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Invitation

L. All of you who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Savior of the world, and are seeking to live daily under his Lordship, are welcome to join us in this holy meal.

P. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the festival!

Prayer

L. Father, bless our eating of the bread and drinking of the cup so that we, by your Spirit, may eat and drink of our Lord Jesus Christ, and be nourished unto eternal life. **Amen!**

Words of Institution

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread...

L. And so, we take bread, the staple of life, as our Lord Jesus is the Bread of life.

P. Lord Jesus, to know you is to have eternal life.

...and after blessing it...

[the bread is blessed by a person in the congregation]

...broke it and gave it to the disciples...

[the bread is broken and distributed]

Communion Hymn 456P – Lord Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

...and [Jesus] said, "Take, eat; this is my body..."

L. Take and eat, and feed upon Christ is your hearts with thanksgiving.

...and he took a cup and when he had given thanks...

[a person in congregation thanks God for the cup and shed blood of Christ]

...he gave it to them and said, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of

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