

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude

Come, Thou Almighty King

Martin Stellhorn

Welcome and Call to Worship

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: God lifts us from death to life and preserves us for God's purposes through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

All: With thanksgiving let us praise the Lord!

One: Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of your purposed journey for our lives. Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm and trouble.

All: Amen.

*Hymn

To God Be the Glory

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*Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all, who is generous to all who call upon him.

*Confession of Sin (unison)

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive.

Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and mutual love. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

*Gloria Patri

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

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Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

One: The Word of the Lord.

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

One: The Word of the Lord

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

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All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

One: The Word of the Lord

Romans 10:5-15

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All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Lowell Mason

Gospel

One: The Word of the Lord.

Matthew 14:22-33

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All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Stay in the Boat

Rev. Terry Epling

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. [The Apostles Creed].

*Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

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~Responding to God's Word~

Invitation to Give

Christ has freely given us the gift of grace and salvation. Let us therefore freely bring our generous gifts of gratitude to him.

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.

Offertory

Elevation

F. Kuhmstedt

*Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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**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 thanks to you, O Lord, for your sustaining presence and abundant grace. Receive these gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine, relieve the oppressed in time of trouble, and proclaim everywhere the good news of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Life in Our Church Community

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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.

*** Closing Hymn**

How Firm A Foundation

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***Benediction**

Go now in the generous grace and favor of our God.
May the blessing and favor of our loving, abundant God lift you, sustain you, and send you to the world with the gift of life!

***Postlude**

Let Me Be Thine Forever

J.C. Bach

*Please stand, if you are able.

Electronic aid for the hearing impaired is available from the usher.

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