

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude *Take My Life and Let It Be* Camil Van Huls

Welcome and Call to Worship

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: When we look to the rock from which we were cut, and to the quarry from which we were dug, we see our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, who were alone until God blessed them and made them many!

All: When we look to the cornerstone of the church, we see Christ, the Son of the living God. Beginning with Peter, God has made us into living stones. God's house will stand forever!

***Hymn** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* #265

***Call to Confession**

Brothers and sisters, with hope in the mercies of God, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

***Confession of Sin (unison)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom. We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly. We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be exalted. We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers. God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace.

***Gloria Patri** # 581

**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.**

Tune: Gloria Patri, Henry W. Greatorex, 1851, Public Domain

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Illumination

Lord our God, your name and your word are exalted above everything. We are listening for your word; we are looking for your light. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our minds and hearts so we may discern your will and respond in faith.

We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

Old Testament

One: The Word of the Lord. Exodus 1:8-2:10 page 49

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

One: The Word of the Lord. Psalm 124 page 572

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

One: The Word of the Lord. Romans 12:1-8 page 161

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

One: The Word of the Lord. Matthew 16:13-20 page 18

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

What's in a Name? 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** *Will You Come and Follow Me* #726

~Responding to God's Word~

Invitation to Give

God has given us gifts to share: prophetic acts and acts of service, teaching and leading, encouragement, diligence, and cheerfulness, giving without strings attached. Freely, then, we open our hearts, hands, and resources to a world in need.

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

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

Offertory

Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth Johann Pachelbel

***Doxology**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
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.*

#606

*** Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. 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**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

#320

***Charge and Benediction**

Jesus asks each of us: Who do you say that I am?
Answer that question, this day and all your days, in every word you speak, with every action you perform.
May God who restores, Christ who calls, and the Spirit who empowers bless you and increase your joy and gladness, now and always.

***Postlude**

Jesus, Thou Blood and Righteousness

Paul Bouman

***Please stand, if you are able.**

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

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