

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude *Christ, the Life of All the Living* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Call to Worship

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Anyone who thirsts, come and drink!

All: If you have no money but you're hungry, come and receive wine and bread without a price tag.

One: Why do you spend money on what does not nourish you? Why do you work for what does not nurture you?

All: Listen, come and eat healthy food that will delight you. Come and partake in the Spirit that will give you life. Become a witness of God's free gift of grace to all people.

One: They will come running to you because God will raise you up, transform you, and make you shine!

*Hymn *Holy God We Praise Your Name* #4

*Call to Confession

The promise of our faith is this: for all who call out in truth, God is near. Therefore let us honestly confess our sin.

*Confession of Sin

God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings.

Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call on you, for we are confident you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

God is gracious, merciful, abounding in steadfast love, and gives us forgiveness and grace. We do not have to earn it with sacrifice because it is a free gift from a generous God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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.**

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~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Illumination

Providing God, by your Holy Spirit feed us with your Word, that we might be filled with the bread of life. Amen.

Old Testament Genesis 32:22-31 page 30

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 17:1-7 page 496

One: The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Romans 9:1-5 page 159

One: The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense J.S. Bach

New Testament Matthew 14:13-21 page 16

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message *Simple Gifts* Rev. Terry Epling

*Affirmation of Faith

All: 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 *How Firm a Foundation* #463

~Responding to God's Word~

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

God has been generous in providing for our needs. Let us give back a portion of what has already been given to us.

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

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

Offertory *Offertory in C* Louis Lefébure-Wély

***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.

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***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Loving and generous God, you provide for us and even bless us in more ways than we can number. We give these tithes and offerings to tell of your wondrous and steadfast love so that those who do not yet know you may also come to your love. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Thanksgiving

The 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*** Closing Hymn**

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

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***Life in Our Church Community**

***Benediction**

Touched, changed, called, and empowered, go now in the power and provision of Christ to heal the sick, feed the hungry, and serve the world.

Christ himself, who holds you in his hands, has blessed you, broken you, and given you as his gift to the world. May the grace of Christ be multiplied to you and through you, now and forever.

***Postlude**

Jubilate Deo

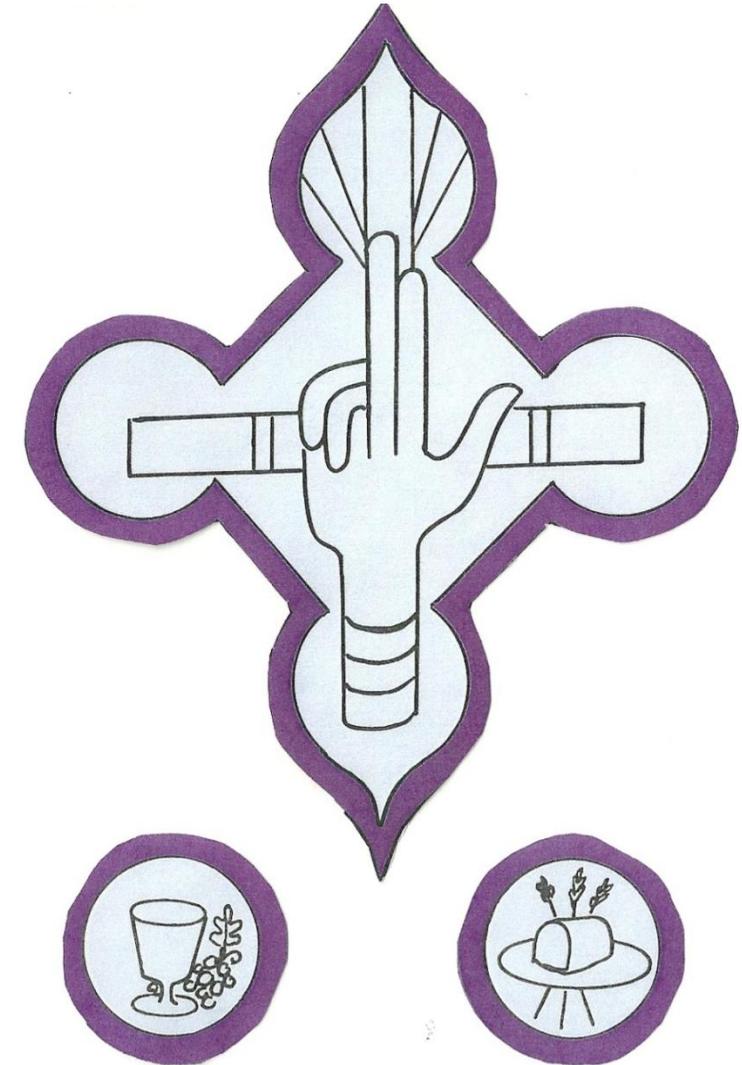
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*Please stand, if you are able.

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