

~Gathering the Family of God~

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

The Peal of the Church Bell

~Hearing God's Word~

Prelude *O Glorious Crown* arr. Stan Pethel

Welcome

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship

One: We would be perfectly happy if our path were faultless, if we were always in step with God.

All: **This is my commandment: That you love one another.**

One: God, has given us commandments that we may live as faithfully as possible. With our eyes fixed on doing the right thing, we shall never be put to shame.

All: **We are to love one another in the same way God has loved us.**

One: O Lord, touch us with your saving grace,

All: **that our lives may declare your praise!**

Old Testament

One: The Word of the Lord. Deuteronomy 30:15-20 page 186

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

One: The Word of the Lord Psalm 119:1-8 page 566

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

One: The Word of the Lord 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 page 167

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

God Be in My Head by Andrew Carter

Gospel

One: The Word of the Lord. Matthew 5:21-37 page 4

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

You Want Us to Do What? 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

God Is Here #409

~Responding to God's Word~

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

God is at work, nurturing our growth and showing us the ways that lead to life.
God is at work, reconciling us to one another and teaching us the paths of love.
God is at work, hearing our confessions, forgiving our disobedience, and blessing us in love. Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Service Recognitions

Honoring our Ruling Elders
Thanking our Property Committee

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad. You may also share any joys or concerns on the cards in the pews. Place them in the offering plate for inclusion in the pastoral prayer.

Offertory

Meditation in A Minor

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.*

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*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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.

* Closing Hymn

Come Sing O Church in Joy!

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*Life in Our Church Community

*Benediction

*Postlude

Wondrous King, All Glorious

Hans Arnold Metzger

Convening the Annual Meeting

Call to Order

Declaration of a Quorum

Election of the Pastor Nominating Committee

Treasurer's Report

Recess to Lunch

*Please stand, if you are able.

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

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