

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* arr. Dennis Eliot

Welcome

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

Call to Worship

One: Look at the birds of the air;
they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns
and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

All: **May our hearts be open to trust you God.**

One: Look at the birds of the air;
they neither study nor plan nor plot their course
and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

All: **May our eyes be open to see you God.**

One: Look at the birds of the air;
they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibilities
yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and sustain.

All: **May our hands be open to serve you God.**

*Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* #32

Call to Confession

God's mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Confession of Sin

God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too: we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend. Yet, Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters."

Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight: help us to seek your kingdom first. Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to be friends with the people you call us to serve. Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with you, We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. (James 3:17)

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we are given a new way to live.

Let us accept God's grace, and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy. Amen!

*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~

God's Word for Young Disciples – Birthday and Anniversary Recognitions

Prayer for Illumination

Truth-telling, wind-blowing, life-giving Spirit – we present ourselves for your instruction and guidance. Breathe your truth among us. Breathe your story of death and life that our story may be submitted to your will. We pray in the name of Jesus who brings good news and new life. Amen.

Old Testament **Isaiah 49:8-16a** page 679

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

Psalm **Psalm 131** page 574

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

Epistle **1 Corinthians 4:1-5** page 168

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

Anthem *God Is Our Refuge and Strength (see insert)* Lloyd Larson

Gospel **Matthew 6:24-34** page 6

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Message *Why Worry?* 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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* #803

~Responding to God's Word~

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 *My Inmost Heart Now Raises* J.C Bach

*Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* # 606
***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.***

***Offering Prayer**

Masters, two and more, masters, competing for our money, clamouring for our time, creating chaos in our lives. Master, one God, quiet us and draw us near that our lives and our gifts of time and talent and treasure may serve you and bring your reign near. Amen.

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 *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #716

***Life in Our Church Community**

***Benediction**

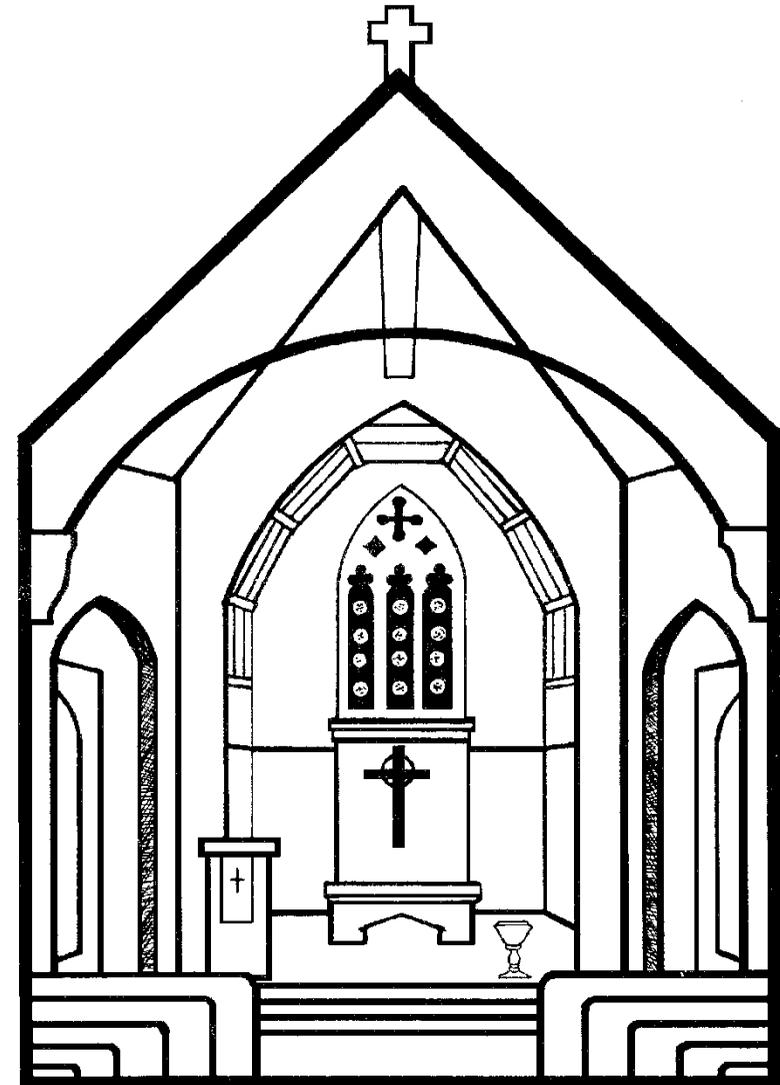
*Postlude *Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore The* Hans Metzger

*Please stand, if you are able.

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