

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude *Abide With Me* arr. Mark Newman
Jonathan Patterson on piano, Coco Bollig on viola

Welcome

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

Call to Worship

One: The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears.
All: **Call us into Your way of life, O God.**
One: The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision.
All: **Lead us into Your vision of life, O God.**
One: The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts.
All: **Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God.**
One: Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God.
All: **Let us be God's hands and feet in the world.**
Let us worship God together.

*Hymn *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* #662

*Call to Confession

Let us kneel in the darkness until we see God's light emerge.
Let us wait with hope filled hearts as Christ's image grows within us and shows us life.
In faith and sorrow let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*Confession of Sin (in unison)

Holy Christ, we come to You knowing that we have fallen away from Your intentions for us. We have followed the paths of greed and envy, turned away from our brothers and sisters in need in order to satisfy our own desires. You gave Your life for us, and yet we are willing to give so little at times. Forgive us for not recognizing the fullness of love, to live for others instead of ourselves. Call us back to the kingdom of God.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus laid down his life for us, so that we might have life.
God shows us the way, so that we might live into the fullness of life in community.
God loves us, so that we might love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.
Know that you are forgiven, loved, and given new life. 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 Little Ears

Prayer for Illumination

God of goodness and mercy, be the light of our salvation and lift our spirits.
Renew us by the hearing of your Word and transform us into the people of God. Amen

Old Testament **Isaiah 9:1-4** page 638
One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm **Psalm 27:1, 4-9** page 503
One: The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle **1 Corinthians 1:18-31** page 166
One: The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Celtic Hymn Medley* arr. Heather King
Jonathan Patterson, Piano and Coco Bollig, viola

Gospel **Matthew 4:12-23** page 3
One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message **Faith, Fear & Fishing** 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 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* #721

~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 *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star* Michael Praetorius

***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.

*Dedication of Gifts

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** *From the Nets of Our Labor* #751

*Life in Our Church Community

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Ancient of Days* Thomas Chesterton

*Please stand, if you are able.

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