

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Fettke

Welcome and Call to Worship

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: **You have set your glory above the heavens.**

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

All: **Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.**

*Hymn *Live Into Hope* #772

*Call to Confession

*Confession of Sin (unison)

Merciful God, your creatures cry and creation groans but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.

Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*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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Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 28:10-19a page 25

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

Psalm Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 page 577

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Epistle Romans 8:12-25 page 158

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Special Music *Ivory Palaces* Henry Barraclough

Duet: Marie Meunier, Jean Cairns

Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 page 14

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Message *Weeding the Garden* 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 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* #367

~Responding to God's Word~

Invitation to Give

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

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

Offertory *O Perfect Life of Love* Thomas Canning

*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.**

*** Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

God of mystery and grace, you have met us and blessed us with such abundant promise. In gratitude we offer what we carry in our hearts and our pockets. As we bring these worn and fragile offerings, we pray that you would use us, for we come in the name of Jesus and by the movement of your Spirit in this place. 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**

For the Healing of the Nations

#346

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

G.F. Kaufmann

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

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