

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell**Prelude****Welcome and Call to Worship**

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us worship the Triune God.

All: Let us worship the One who spoke in the beginning and created something out of nothing.

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All: Let us worship the One who took on the clothing of humanity to set those who were oppressed free.

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All: Let us worship the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us, calling us from dreadful endings to bright new beginnings.***Hymn** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* #32***Call to Confession**

Trusting in God's love, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Confession of Sin (unison)*God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you.****We look to ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard.****We turn to others, not to serve, but to press them into our service.****We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful.****Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal One, lead us to your truth;****Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, Holy Trinity. Amen.*****Silent Confession*****Assurance of Forgiveness**

The Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life forgets the sins of all who repent.

I declare to you, therefore, that you are forgiven, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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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**

Sing into our ears, O Holy Spirit. Sing the word of life. Tell us who we are and to whom we belong so that we may live with gratitude for all that you have done. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-15

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**Psalm**

Psalm 8

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One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.**Epistle**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.**Special Music****Gospel**

Matthew 28:16-20

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**Message***Go, Make Disciples, Baptize, and Teach*

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].

HymnLord, You Give the Great Commission*

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~Responding to God's Word~**Invitation to Give**

Jesus sends his disciples into the world to bless all by his grace. With God's love, in the Holy Spirit, let us make this our offering to God.

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad*Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.*

Offertory

***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)

For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God, but especially for your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant.
Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus' name. 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** *Today We All are Called to Be Disciples* #757

*Benediction

The eternal Creator calls us. The risen Savior sends us.
The dynamic Spirit empowers us.
Go into all the world, making disciples for Jesus Christ.
Go in peace!

*Postlude

**Please stand, if you are able.*
Electronic aid for the hearing impaired is available from the usher.

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