

## ~Gathering the Family of God~

## The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude *As the Deer* Martin Nystrom

## Welcome

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

## Call to Worship

One: Welcoming Jesus, we come to you at the well, from all walks & seasons of life, from all circumstances, and in every mood.  
All: **Some of us are eager, curious. Some of us are defensive and worried. Some of us are tired or lonely. But most of all, we are thankful you're here.**  
One: Lord be gracious and kind as we pour out our stories. Hear our grief. Know our joy. Receive our questions.  
All: **We have not learned to be satisfied by your abundance. Pour out living water for us again and renew us by your mercy. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* #81

## \*Call to Confession

## \*Confession of Sin (unison)

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation.  
Still you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. 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.  
Tune: Gloria Patri, Henry W. Greatorex, 1851, Public Domain

## Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations

## Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Exodus 17:1-7 page 64  
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 95 page 550  
One: The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Romans 5:1-11 page 155  
One: The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Take My Life, That I May Be* J. Aaron McDermid

Gospel John 4:5-42 page 94  
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message *Grace: God's Wondrous Love* 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 *What Wondrous Love Is This* #215

## ~Responding to God's Word~

## 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.*

## 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** *Love, Divine, All Love Excelling* Hans Klotz

**\*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)

O Lord, you are our God: we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Congregational Meeting

#### Installation of Ruling Elder

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

**\* Closing Hymn** *Take My Life* #697

### \*Benediction

**\*Postlude** *Oh, God, Thou Faithful God* J.G. Walther

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

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

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***“The water that I give  
will become in them  
a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”***

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