

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude

*Seek Ye First*

Karen Laferty

Welcome and Call to Worship

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: On this day of memory we gather to sing and to pray,

**All: we remember the past and look to the future.**

One: On this day when the guns once fell silent,

**All: we come before you God, seeking your peace.**

One: On this day of hope in the face of terror,

**All: we come before you God, praying with all our hearts:**

**God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.**

**Help us to find the path that leads to the beloved kingdom.**

One: In this time of story, song, and prayer,

**All: may we be re-committed to being people of faith. Amen**

\*Hymn

*Our God, Our Help In Ages Past*

#687

\*Call to Confession

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

\*Confession of Sin (unison)

**Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we resist your goodness. We recall the faith and sacrifice of those who came before us with pride and gratitude but fail to respond fully to your call to us today.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. 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

Life in our Church Community

**Pastor Nominating Committee Update**

Joanna Shaver, Chair

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

1 Samuel 7:12-17

page 250

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

page 235

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament

Acts 1:6-14

page 118

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

*Unto Thee, O Lord*

by Charles Monroe

Gospel

John 17:1-11

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One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Message

*Memorial Day: We Are What We Remember*

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, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

#475

Dedication of the New Memorial Book

One: God of all eternity, we dedicate this memorial book to your glory in joyful celebration of the lives of your people who gave from the treasure entrusted to them by you to further ministry of this congregation. May their witness and sacrifice continue in this place, encouraging those who follow, to the glory of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**All: Give us your peace and such faith in Christ Jesus that we may live for him with glad and generous hearts, untroubled and unafraid. As we dedicate this memorial book, O God, we rededicate our whole lives to the service of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.**

~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**                      *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*                      J.G. Walther

**\*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)**  
Glorious God, everything that is given to us rains forth out of the abundance of your love, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Bless these gifts and our lives together that all we are and all we offer give glory to you; in the name of Christ, who is the way, truth, and life. Amen.

**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**                      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*                      #716

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**                      *Renew Me, O Eternal Light*                      J.G. Walther

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

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