

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude

How Beautiful

arr. Stan Pethel

Welcome

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship

One: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

All: **For many signs and wonders are being done among us.**

One: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

All: **Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.**

One: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

All: **For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.**

*Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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*Call to Confession

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

*Confession of Sin

For those times when we move in the shadow, unwilling to notice of how our actions affect others, forgive us as we come together, in the light, to find our joy in God.

For those times when we deceive ourselves – not revealing to ourselves or others the true nature of our vulnerabilities and fears, forgive us as we come together in the truth, to find forgiveness in fellowship.

For those times when life has been revealed, and we have ignored or denied it, Forgive us as we come together to touch grace in the presence of the Spirit of Christ.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness.

Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, let us live in the light, truth, and presence of our risen Lord.

**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

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into renewed and eternal life. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 23

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One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-35

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One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

Choral Scholar Recognition

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing

Gospel

John 10:1-10

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Glad and Generous Hearts

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

#803

~Responding to God's Word~

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

Church, our God has prepared a table before us and our cup overflows.
So let us give generously from our common wealth, as our way of praising God and giving to those in need.

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

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

Offertory *Reflection in F-minor* Andre Raison

***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)**

Holy and generous God, you have anointed us and we are yours. Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*** Closing Hymn** *I Come with Joy* #515

***Life in Our Church Community**

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul* Healey Willan

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

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