

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* J.G. Walther

Welcome

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

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord who is our provider.
All: **The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**
One: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.
All: **The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**
One: God led us through the waters and leads us still today.
All: **The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**
One: Let us worship God with hearts full of gladness and love.

*Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* #1

*Call to Confession

The Lord spoke through Ezekiel, saying, cast away all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*Confession of Sin

Righteous God, we confess that we have not lived as your obedient children. We have honored you with our words, but we have denied you with our actions. We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form of a servant, for we have acted with selfish ambition. We have put our interests before the interests of others and have not regarded them in humility. Forgive us our arrogance, awaken our hearts to sincere repentance, and enable us to will and to work for your good pleasure, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Brothers and sisters, God offers forgiveness of our sin and abundant life to those who repent. Turn, then, and live in Christ, our Lord.

*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

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit give us the words of life, that we may understand your way and follow your truth, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17 page 249
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12 page 4
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading 1 John 3:1-3 page 240
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem *From the Rising of the Sun* Robert J. Powell

Psalm Lesson Psalm 34:1-10 page 508
One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message *Taste and See, and Join the Great Parade* Rev. Paul Bembower

*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 *Love Divine All Loves Excelling* #366

~Responding to God's Word~

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

With grateful hearts, let us offer our gifts, trusting in God's goodness.

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

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

Offertory *Let Me Be Thine Forever* J.C. Bach

***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)**
Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your love shown to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept the offering of our lives in union with Christ's offering for us, and make us humble and obedient servants who will work for your good pleasure; through Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

**The Lord's Supper
Invitation**

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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** *Will You Come and Follow Me* #726

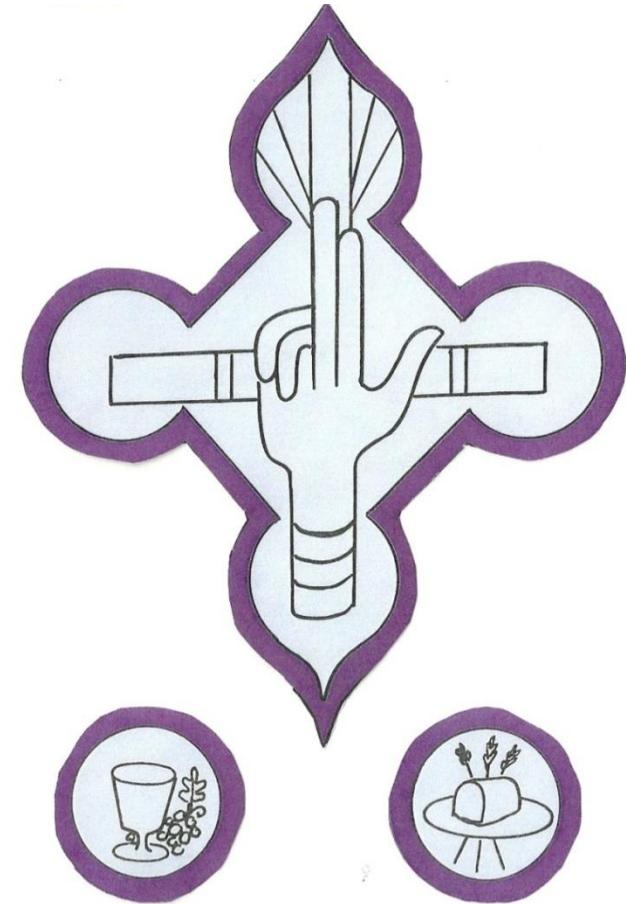
***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense* J.S. Bach

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

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Sunday, October 1, 2017**