

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude *Chorale Prelude* Camil Van Hulse

Welcome and Call to Worship

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone.

**All: Therefore we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise.
Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people.**

***Hymn** *Together We Serve* #767

***Call to Confession**

God does not regard us with partiality, but with the grace of Christ Jesus deals with each of us according to our need. With gratitude for this amazing grace, let us confess our sin.

***Confession of Sin (unison)**

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test.

Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***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

Holy One, true and living God, through the message of the gospel and the power of your Spirit make us imitators of the Lord: Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Deuteronomy 34:1-9 page 191

Psalm Psalm 23 page 501

Epistle 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 page 178

One: The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

Gospel Matthew 22:15-22; 34-40 page 24

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Message *Extravagant Generosity* 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** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #716

~Responding to God's Word~

Invitation to Give

The Lord made the heavens, and all the earth belongs to God. As Jesus taught us, let us give to God the things that are God's own.

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

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

Offertory *Come, Ye Souls* Thoro Harris

***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)**
All honor and majesty, strength and beauty are yours, Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth. Let these simple offerings we bring be a sign of the great glory that is due to your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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** *Today We All Are Called to be Disciples* #757

***Benediction**
Go forth to declare God's glory among all the nations so that God's wonderful work may be known to all.
Grace to you and peace from God the Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Postlude** *To Him Who Sits on the Throne* Debbye Graefsmma

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

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***Practices of Fruitful Congregations:
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