

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude *Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men* J.G. Walther

Welcome and Call to Worship

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely.

All: **Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

One: Gather us together this Reformation Sunday, O God, that we may celebrate the witness of our forbearers and the courage that gave birth to the Reformation. Teach us how to honor the saints of God in ages past as well as in our present days. May the conviction of your grace written on their hearts be one that forms our own faith. Inspire us in the continuing reformation of the church and be present to us in your word and sacrament. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

*Hymn *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* #394

*Call to Confession

Even good actions of reform and renewal had often unintended negative consequences. Therefore let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*Confession of Sin (unison)

We bring before you the burdens of the guilt of the past when our forbears did not follow your will that all be one in the truth of the Gospel. We confess our own ways of thinking and acting that perpetuate the divisions of the past.

As communities and as individuals, we build many walls around us: mental, spiritual, physical, political walls that result in discrimination and violence. Forgive us, Lord.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ is the way, the truth and the life. He is our peace, who breaks down the walls that divide, who gives us, through the Holy Spirit, ever-new beginnings. In Christ, we receive forgiveness and reconciliation and we are strengthened for a faithful future. Hear the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

**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

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Illumination

In your Word, Lord, show us heaven. By your Spirit, show us truth; through Christ, the Living Word in whom we see your face. Amen.

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17 page 249

Psalms Psalm 90:1-6 page 547

Epistle Hebrews 12:1-2 page 226

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

Choral Anthem *Think About These Things*

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12 page 4

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Message *Legacies of Faith and Hope* 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 *How Clear is Our Vocation Lord* #432

~Responding to God's Word~

Invitation to Give

God has given us gifts to share: prophetic acts and acts of service, teaching and leading, encouragement, diligence, and cheerfulness, giving without strings attached. Freely, then, we open our hearts, hands, and resources to a world 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

Take My Life and Let it Be

Cesar Malan

*Doxology

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
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.*

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* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Holy God, through these gifts you nurture and sustain us. With these gifts we turn our lives toward the needs of your people and all in want. Bless what we offer, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Remembrance of the Saints

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

For All the Saints

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*Charge and Benediction

Lead a life worthy of God, who calls us into the realm of glory and shows us the way to abundant life.
May the blessing of God go with you this day and every day keeping us until we meet again with all the saints in glory. Amen.

*Postlude

Jesus, I Will Never Leave

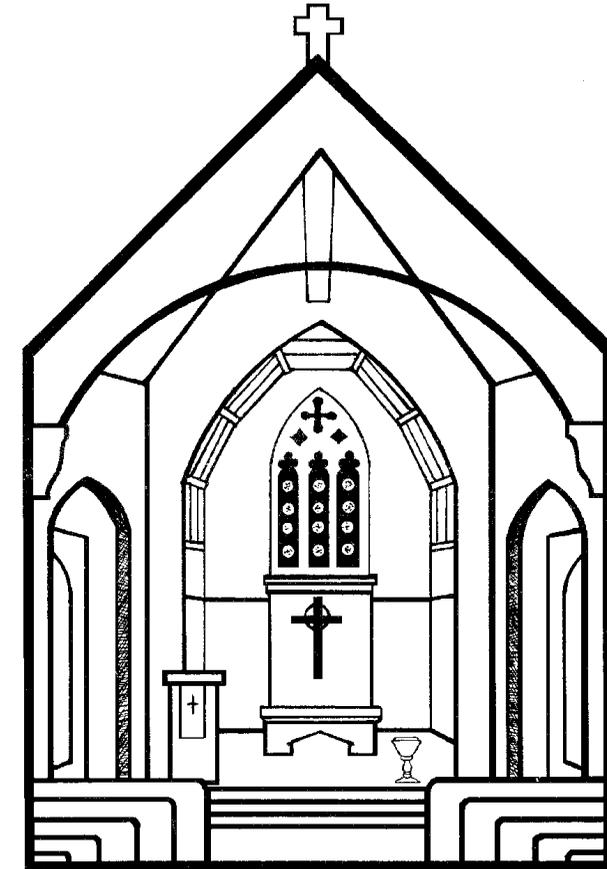
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