

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude

Built in the Rock the Church doth Stand

Hoelty-Nickel

Welcome and Call to Worship

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: The heavens declare the glory of God!

**All: The skies proclaim God's handiwork.
The day pronounces God's glory.
The night expounds God's knowledge.**One: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation
in declaring God's glory!

*Hymn

I Come With Joy

#515

*Call to Confession

Let us boldly confess our sin before the One who already knows our errors and is gracious to forgive our faults.

*Confession of Sin (unison)

**Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption.
Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love.
Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity.
Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption, decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity.
Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.**

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes from God, by faith. Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

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**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

~Hearing God's Word~

Time With Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

God who speaks, your law is perfect, reviving the soul; your commandment is clear, enlightening the eyes. May your Spirit illumine this Word that our eyes may be opened and our souls revived. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Old Testament

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

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One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 19:1-14

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One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy

Pergolesi

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament

Matthew 21:33-46

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Intentional Faith Development

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

O God Who Gives Us Life

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~Responding to God's Word~

Invitation to Give

Straining forward to what lies ahead, let us offer ourselves to God.

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

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

Offertory

Supplication

Chester Nordman

***Doxology**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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***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)**

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for all your good gifts, and above all, for the gift of knowing Christ our Savior. Strengthen us as we continue to strive for the heavenly prize that you offer: eternal and abundant life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Life in Our Church Community

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**

Together We Serve

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***Benediction**

Beloved, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, press on toward the goal for the prize of our heavenly call in Christ Jesus. Now may the face of God shine upon you so that you may be saved; and may the grace of God live within you through Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Postlude**

Jesus Shall Reign

John Hatton

*Please stand, if you are able.

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