

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* Hans Metzger

Welcome and Call to Worship

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life abundant.

All: **Turn us to your ways, O God. Teach and lead us.**

One: Walk in the path of God's commandments with delight.

All: **With our whole heart, we will go where you lead and live in the freedom of your grace.**

*Hymn *The God of Abraham Praise* #49

*Call to Confession

*Confession of Sin (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you live for us – we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us – we have not forgiven others. You have loved us – we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another.

Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Give us courage to live for you. Help us to love through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*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.

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~Hearing God's Word~

Time With Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Psalm 114:1-8 page 563
One: The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Romans 14:1-12 page 163

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

Choral Anthem *The Loving God Who Made Us All* Andrew Birling

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35 page 20

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

Old Testament Exodus 14:19-31 page 61

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Message *When the Going Gets Tough* 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 *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land* #52

~Responding to God's Word~

Life in Our Church Community

Invitation to Give

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

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

Offertory *Beautiful Savior* Yury Arbatsky

*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, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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**

Guide Me, O Though Great Jehovah

#65

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker

J.C. Bach

*Please stand, if you are able.

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