

## ~Gathering the Family of God~

## The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude *This Is the Day* Mendelssohn

## Welcome and Call to Worship

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the prayers of the people.

**All: We give thanks to the Lord.**

One: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

**All: We give thanks to the Lord.**

One: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

**All: We give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise to God!**

\*Hymn *God is Here!* #409

## \*Call to Confession

Because we do not always live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, we confess before God and one another our sins and shortcomings. In repentance, let us turn toward God's grace and mercy.

## \*Confession of Sin (unison)

Gracious God, we have sought after many things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not always shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done, and to trust in all that you will yet do. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts, and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

\*Silent Confession

## \*Assurance of Forgiveness

God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God!

\*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

## Mission Moment – Mobile Food Pantry – Regional Food Bank

## Prayer for Illumination

Let the wisdom of your Word rain down on us and quench our thirst for you, that we may be strengthened to do the work to which we are called, for the glory and honor of your name. Amen.

**Old Testament** 1 Chronicles 22 page 380  
1 Chronicles 29:1-9 page 386

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

**Choral Anthem** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Callahan

**Gospel** Colossians 3:12-17 page 201

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**Message** *Passionate Worship* 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 *Together We Serve* #767

## ~Responding to God's Word~

## Invitation to Give

Great is God's mercy toward us. Let us offer a portion of what God has given with humble and grateful hearts.

## Giving of our Tithes and Offerings &amp; Friendship Pad

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

**Offertory** *Come Just as You Are* Joseph Sabolick

**\*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)**  
God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been given your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings and offerings, and do what you choose with what already belongs to you. In Christ's 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**      *Take My Life*      #697

**\*Benediction**  
Go out this day practicing God's generosity toward others,  
sharing the good news with those you meet,  
May the grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God find you,  
and the movement of the Holy Spirit guide you,  
everywhere and always. Amen.

**\*Postlude**      *Awake, My Heart*      Rudolf Moser

\*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:  
Passionate Worship  
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