

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of the Church Bell

Prelude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* T.H. Nickel

Welcome

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship

One: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

All: **Praise the Lord!**

One: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord be glad.

Let us pray. God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered, move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet, that we may follow you more faithfully.

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* #14

*Call to Confession

Jesus Christ overcame evil with good so that all people might be saved from sin.

Let us then confess our need for grace, confident of God's forgiveness.

*Confession of Sin

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray.

***Silent Confession**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

*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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Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, who spoke to Moses from the burning bush, speak to us now in the reading and proclaiming of your word. Amen.

Old Testament Exodus 3:1-15 page 50

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

Psalm Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b page 556

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

Epistle Romans 12:9-21 page 162

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Special Music *Great is Thy Name* Dan Marks

Gospel Matthew 16:21-28 page 18

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Message *Cross Training* Rev. Dr. Rubén Rosario Rodriguez, PhD

*Affirmation of Faith

All: 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 for a World* #372

~Responding to God's Word~

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

The apostle Paul encourages us: do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. In loving service to this loving Lord, we now return to God a portion of the bounty God has provided.

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

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

Offertory *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* J.G. Walther

***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 holy ground, like Moses, we question our fitness to serve heaven's purposes on earth. Overcome our qualms with the assurance of your presence; bless these offerings that, through them, we may do your will; in the name of the triune One. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*** Closing Hymn** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* #310

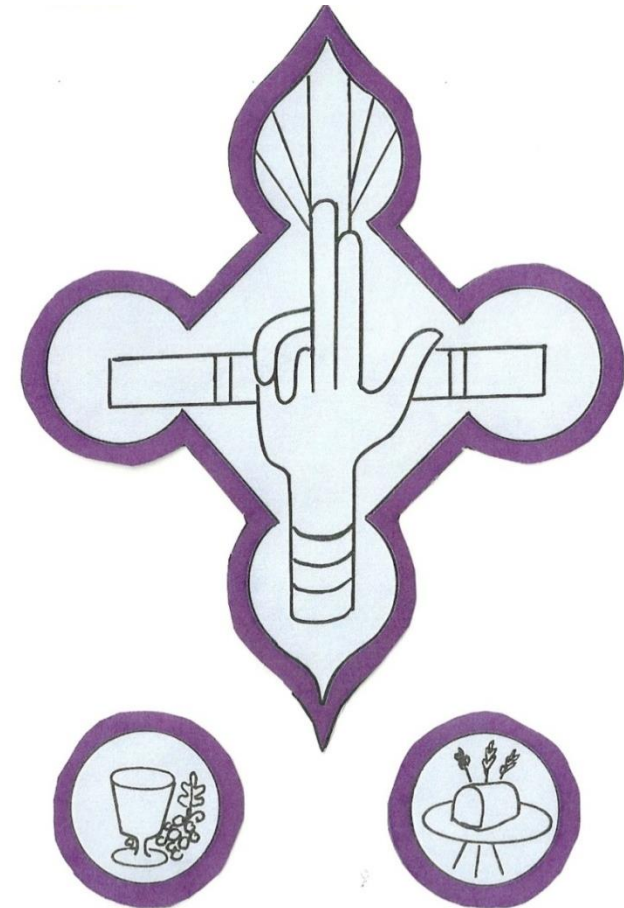
***Life in Our Church Community**

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord* Telemann

*Please stand, if you are able.
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