

Scriptural Meditation

Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor. Then you can stand firm against the devil's evil plans. Our fight is not against human beings. It is against the rulers, the authorities and the powers of this dark world. It is against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly world. Ephesians 6:10-12

~Gathering the Family of God~**The Peal of Our Church Bell****Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ**

Prelude *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* arr. by C. Callahan
Ed Burford, Piano and Rebecca Nelson, Organ

Call to Worship

One: What a pleasure and privilege it is to worship in God's dwelling place—
a place of refreshing springs and of natural beauty, of safety, and of acceptance.

All: We are here to receive God's Spirit and life.

One: What an amazing covenant community we are as we find shelter and solace,
challenge and encouragement.

All: We are here to face our fears and to sing of God's goodness.

One: What love God showers on us as we seek a home, a relationship,
and a life that exemplifies the gospel of peace, hope, and freedom.

All: We are here to take our place as we walk in the way of Jesus Christ.

One: The Holy One of God awaits our praise, receives our allegiance,
and blesses our lives.

**All: Let us worship the God of hosts, the Holy One of god,
and the Spirit of life everlasting.**

Prayer of Invocation

***Gathering Song** *Morning Has Broken* # 664
Alex Mitchell, Scott Harrison, Peter Durow, Guitars

***Prayer of Reconciliation**

All: Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants the quick and easy answers to all of life's problems. We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts. It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance. Even Jesus' own disciples struggled with his teachings. The words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend. Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient. Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

***A Time for Contemplation (in quiet, for you and God)**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Even with our doubts and questions, remember that God's love is poured on us, in us, and through us to others. Rest assured that God's presence and love will never abandon you. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are healed, restored, and forgiven. Amen. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ 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.

God's Word for Little Ears**~Hearing God's Word~****Prayer for Understanding God's Word**

All: Dear God, as we listen to your Holy Word today open our hearts and our minds to truly know and comprehend the mystery of faith. Transform us so that You might truly live in our hearts, guide our minds, compose our words, and travel beside our footsteps. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43 p. 311

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

Special Music

O Jesus, I Have Promised p. 725
vs. 1 solo, Peter Durow, vs 2-4 All

New Testament Epistle Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-20 p.195

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Gospel Lesson

John 6:56-69 p. 98

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Message

Does Jesus Offend You? Pastor Kim

~Responding to God's Word~***Affirmation of Our Faith**

Let us stand and affirm our faith.

All: We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place; into action, into vulnerability and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and to put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen. [Based on the Affirmation of Faith from the Iona Abbey]

**Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver
Giving of our Tithes and Offerings, & Friendship Pad**

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

Offertory *Bist du bei mir* by J.S. Bach

***Doxology**

(Tune: *Amazing Grace*)

**All: Praise God the Father, Praise His name
Praise Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
And praise the Spirit with them one
Now and forevermore.**

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***The Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People followed by Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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

Choral Response to our Prayers *In My Life Lord, Be Glorified* # 468

~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Departing Song** *Christ Be Beside Me* # 702

***Benediction**

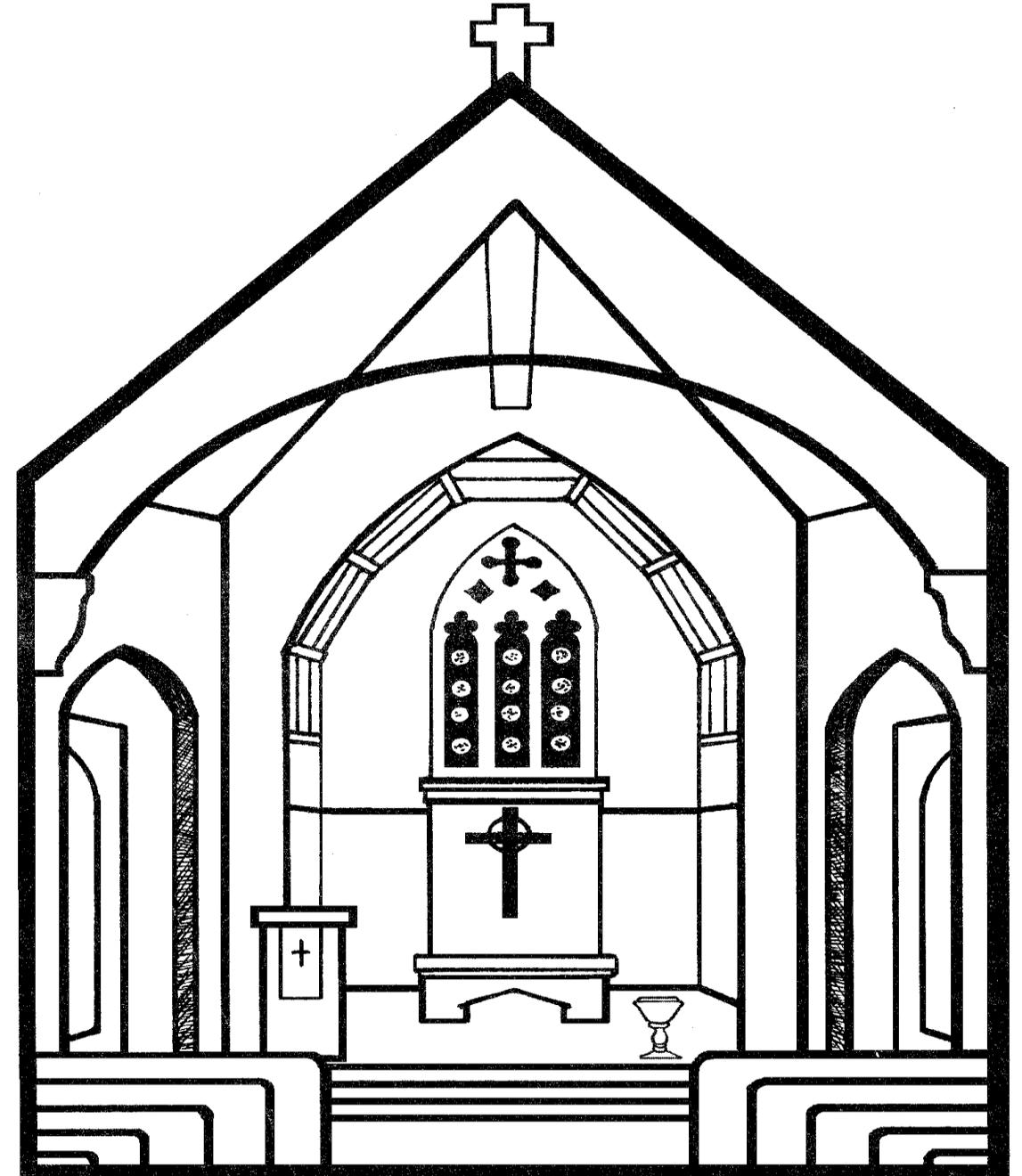
***Postlude** *Allegro Maestoso* from the *Water Music Suite* by G. F. Handel

"Community worship is ended—Discipleship and service now begin."

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***Please stand, if you are able.**

Electronic aid for the hearing impaired is available from the usher.



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