

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever* Martin Smith

One: Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

All: Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

One: Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

All: Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

One: Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

All: As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. Amen

Prayer of Invocation

***Gathering Song** *For the Beauty of the Earth* # 14

*** Prayer of Reconciliation** (*adapted from Psalm 103:8-10*)

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.

All: Merciful God, we find it hard to see in ourselves the trappings our society so admires and serves. We fail to see our own allegiance to these dangerous goals that support systems of abuse and greed. Forgive us when we are fearful. Teach us your generosity, your expansive love, your humility. Transform us and heal our lives. Amen.

***A Time for Contemplation** (a private time for you and God)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: God's promises are not only to our ancestors, they are to us as well.

He says, "I will feed you with the finest of wheat;

with honey from the rock I will satisfy you."

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In the loving God we are forgiven

***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 Understanding God's Word

All: Lord, we know what is good: to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. As we listen to your word may mutual love and genuine hospitality be our guiding lights. And may humble servanthood be our way in the world. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 2:4-13 page 699

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

Psalm Psalm 81:1,10-16 page 541

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

New Testament Epistle Hebrews 13:1-8 page 227

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

Gospel Lesson Luke 14:1,7-14 page 77

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Message "Expanding God's Love in the World" Rev Sam Roethemeyer

~Responding to God's Word~

***Affirmation of Faith**

Let us stand and affirm our 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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; 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]

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 *Above All* Lenny LeBlanc & Paul Baloche

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow/Doxology* # 606

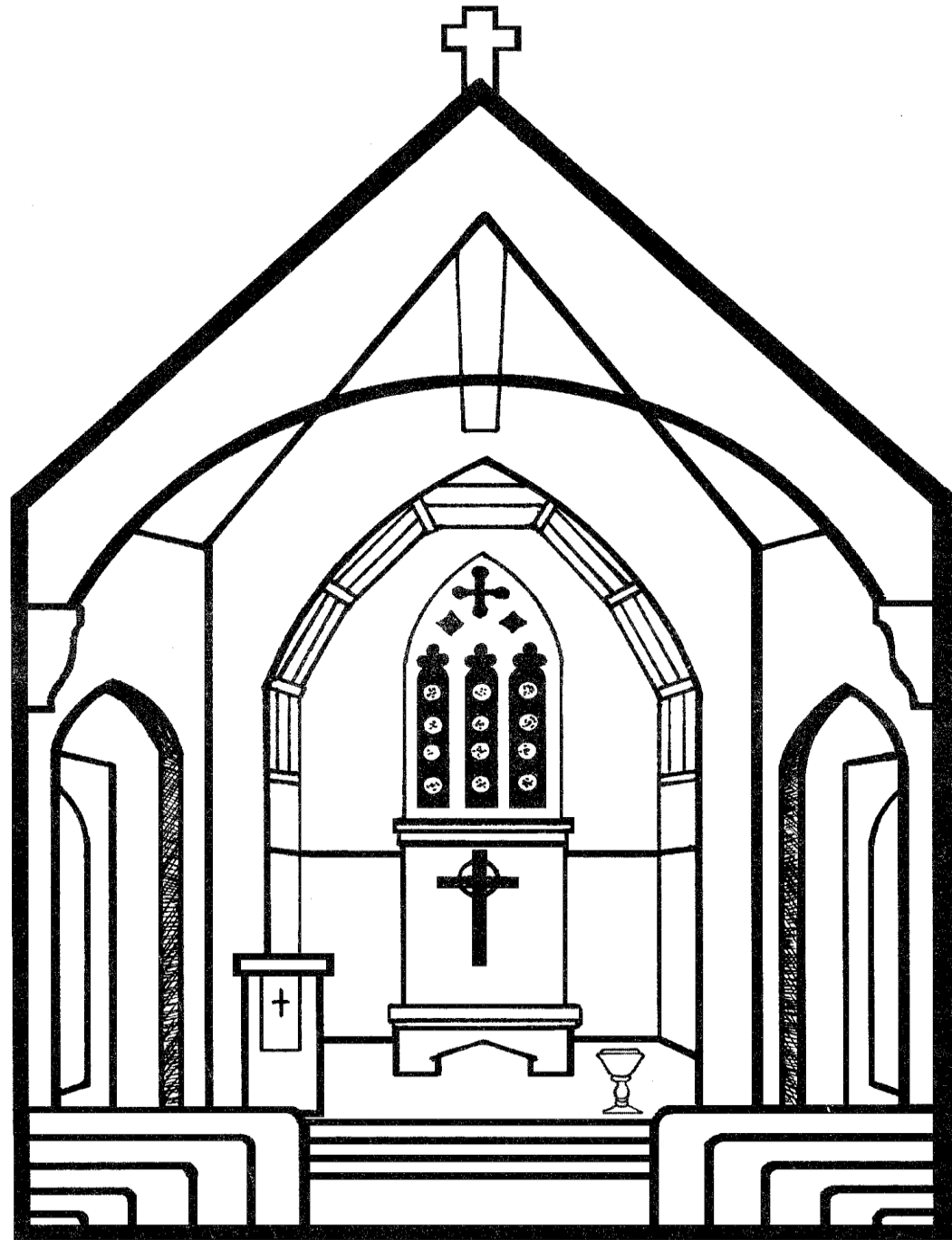
All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: A-men.

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