

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude *Trumpet Tune* (#191) by David Ashley White

Call to Worship

One: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

All: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

One: But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

All: We are not sure we are ready for that.

One: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

**All: Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us.
Amen.**

Prayer of Invocation

* **Gathering Song** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* # 191

* **Prayer of Reconciliation**

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.

All: We want to celebrate. We don't want to listen. We want to stay on the mountaintop with Jesus and set up a festival where everyone can come and play and have a good time. We want our faith to be one of entertainment. But you have called us to "Listen to Him!" You have asked us to be ready for the journey. We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley where this is struggle and strife; where healing is needed. Prepare us, Lord, for the journey. Help us to listen to you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Listen to Jesus. He will guide and care for you.
Place your trust in him, for he is God's chosen, God's beloved.
His ways are the ways of peace and hope.
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ 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.**

God's Word for Little Ears

Georganne Syler

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: God of justice and equity, let us receive your Holy Words with hope for transformed hearts—hearts that seek justice and healing. Like Christ, send us down from the mountaintop to go forth into the world, shining your glory for all to see. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 34:29-35 page 81

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

Anthem *Be Thou My Vision* arr. by Bob Chilcott

Brittany Moleski, Soprano Soloist

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art.
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord.
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son.
Be thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart.
O Sovereign of Heaven my treasure thou art.
Be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

A Reading from Psalm 99 (a new translation)

One: The LORD reigns: let all peoples, and all the earth tremble in holy awe.

All: The LORD is great, exalted over all the nations.

One: Let all peoples praise the great name of the LORD,
the one name to be held in holy awe.

All: The LORD, our God is holy.

One: Indeed, mighty king, loving justice, you have established order;

All: in Jacob you brought about your justice and actions which put things right.

One: Exalt the LORD, and bow down at the footstool of our God.

All: Holy is the LORD.

One: Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,
and Samuel was among those who called on the name of the LORD.

All: They cried to the LORD and the LORD God answered them.

One: The LORD God spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

**All: they kept the testimonies of the LORD
and the decree that the LORD gave them.**

One: O LORD, our God, you answered them,

All: you were a forgiving God to them, but punishing their wrongdoing.

One: Exalt the LORD, and bow down at the holy mountain of our God,

All: for the LORD, our God, is holy.

New Testament Epistle II Corinthians 3:12-4:6 page 180

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Gospel Lesson Luke 9:28-43a page 69

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Message *Transforming from the Inside Out* Pastor Kim Nelson

~Responding to God's Word~

***Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed**

Let us stand and affirm our faith.

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

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 *Soliloquy* by Gordon Young

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* (# 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.**

Tune: Old Hundredth LM, Genevan Psalter 1551, Public Domain.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Music *Fill My Cup* # 699

Refrain: Fill my cup; let it overflow; let it overflow with love.

Prayers of the People followed by The Lord's 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.

Sung Prayer Response

(adapted from *Kum ba Yah* # 472)

v.1) **Come by here, my Lord, come by here!
Come by here, my Lord, come by here!
Come by here, my Lord, come by here!
O Lord, come by here!**

v. 2) **Someone needs you, Lord, come by here!
Someone needs you, Lord, come by here!
Someone needs you, Lord, come by here!
O Lord, come by here!**

Text and Melody: African-American Spiritual, Public Domain.

~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Song of Going Forth** *Christ Beside Me* # 702

***Benediction**

One: God did not call us to succeed;

All: God called us to serve.

One: God did not call us to win;

All: God called us to work.

One: God did not call us to live long;

All: God called us to live for God.

One: God did not call us to be happy;

All: God called us to be hopeful.

One: God did not call us to fame;

All: God called us to faith.

One: God did not call us to seek power;

All: God called us to seek peace.

One: God did not call us to loot the earth and each other;

All: God called us to love our earth and each other. Amen.

[by Marian Wright Edelman]

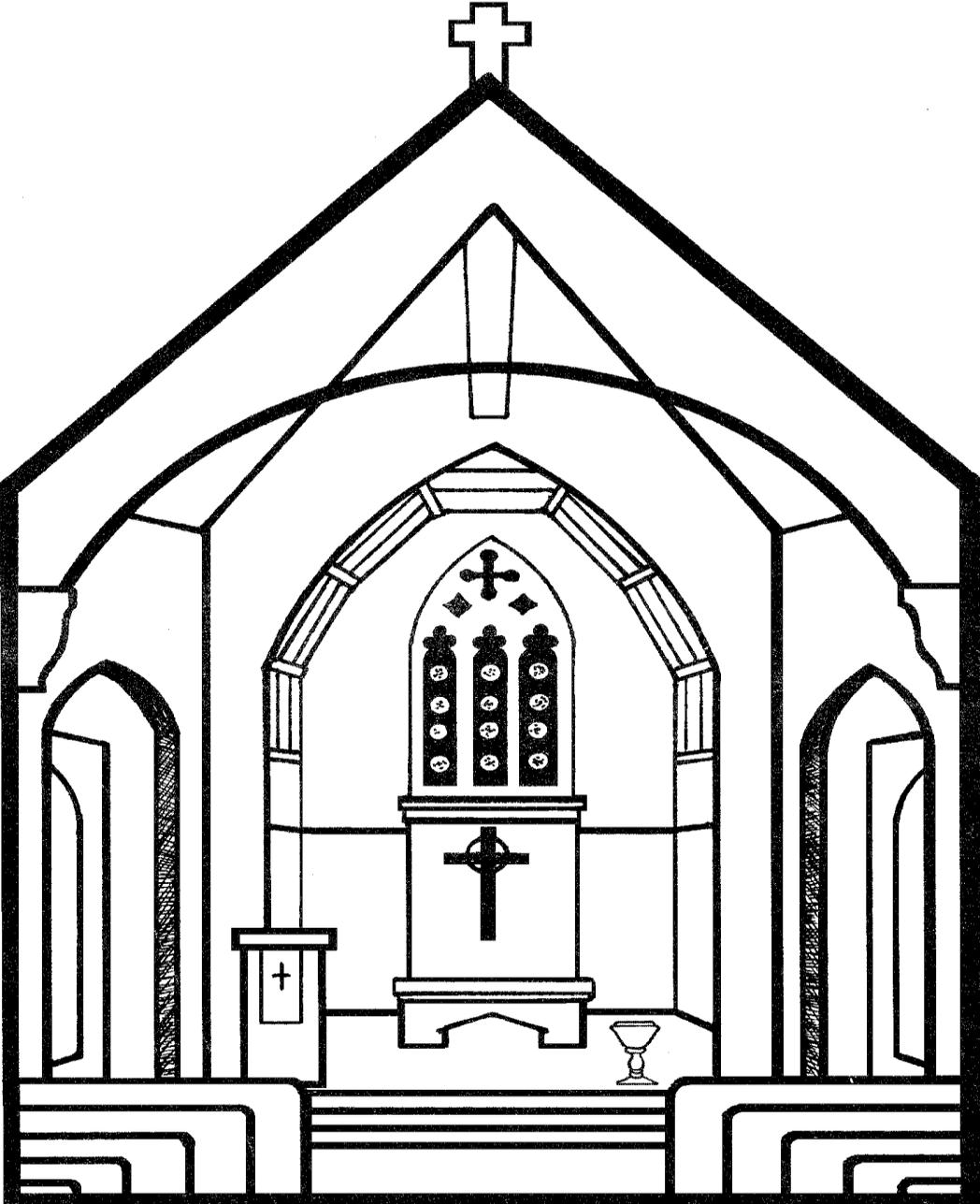
***Postlude** *Praise and Thanksgiving* by Dale Wood

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