

Scriptural Meditation

Why, when I was still in my mother's womb he chose and called me out of sheer generosity! Now he has intervened and revealed his Son to me so that I might joyfully tell non-Jews about him.

Galatians 1:15-16

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude Meditation by Gabriel Dupont (1878-1914)

Call to Worship

One: When we feel down-hearted...

All: **Jesus says: "Rise!"**

One: When we wonder if we can continue on our journey...

All: **Jesus says: "I am with you. You have nothing to fear."**

One: When we hunger and thirst in our souls for relief...

All: **Jesus says: "Come, follow me."**

One: Lord of hope and possibilities, be with us today.

All: **Open our hearts and spirits to feed upon your healing word. Amen.**

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Song *When Morning Gilds the Skies* # 667

* Prayer of Reconciliation

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.

All: **Lord of power and compassion, we are so overwhelmed in these times with fears. We fear the anger and hostility that abides in the world, in our own country, in our own neighborhoods. We want someone else to take care of those in need. We want someone else to stop the darkness. But you, O Lord, are the bright light, the power to heal, the reassuring hand of comfort and strength. You offer to us healing love, strength for our exhausted souls, courage to face whatever comes, with the full confidence that you are with us in all these times. Give us hearts of strength and hope. Enable us to be among those who would reach out to others with welcome, healing, forgiveness, and love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

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

*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God is reaching out for you today.

God offers healing and encouragement out of God's great love for you.

It is a free gift—continually given by God.

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.

Tune: Gloria Patri, Henry W. Greatorex, 1851, Public Domain.

God's Word for Little Ears

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: **Lord, help us to know that your messengers, like Elijah and Paul, are never perfect people. May we now hear your message with steadfast faith and conviction. Then when Christ calls to us and says, "Arise," may we see the presence of Christ, even in imperfect people. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson I Kings 17:8-16 page 324

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

Responsive Reading Psalm 146 (A Prayer of Adoration)

One: Praise the LORD.

All: **With the very core of my being, every part of my life I want to bless you, LORD God.**

I want to celebrate my God with music and song while I live.

One: There is nothing to be gained by putting all my trust in the powerful people:

All: **when their breath leaves them, they return to the dust, and their clever plans crumble with them.**

One: But the person who looks to the God of Jacob for help, ah, how fortunate.

All: **Like this person I want to put my hope in the LORD, the God who made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything in them;**

One: who maintains a kindness that endures for ever;

All: **who brings about justice for those trampled by society, and gives food to those hungry for dignity, love and self-worth;**

One: who breaks the shackles of those imprisoned by hopelessness, circumstance or habit;

All: who enables the blind to see again, to see life in all its fullness;

One: who raises up those bent over by the burden of life;

All: who loves the upright;

One: who cares for those separated from their home culture; who helps the fatherless and the widow,

All: but who brings ruin to the way of the wicked.

One: The LORD shall reign for ever;

All: our God, generation after generation. Hallelujah!!

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New Testament Epistle Galatians 1:11-24 page 187

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

Gospel Lesson Luke 7:11-17 page 65

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Message *Living with a Purpose* Pastor Kim Nelson

~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 *On Eagle's Wings (#43. Psalm 91)* by Michael Joncas (b 1951)

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

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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Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Music

Fill My Cup

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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.

~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Song of Sending Forth**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Fanfare

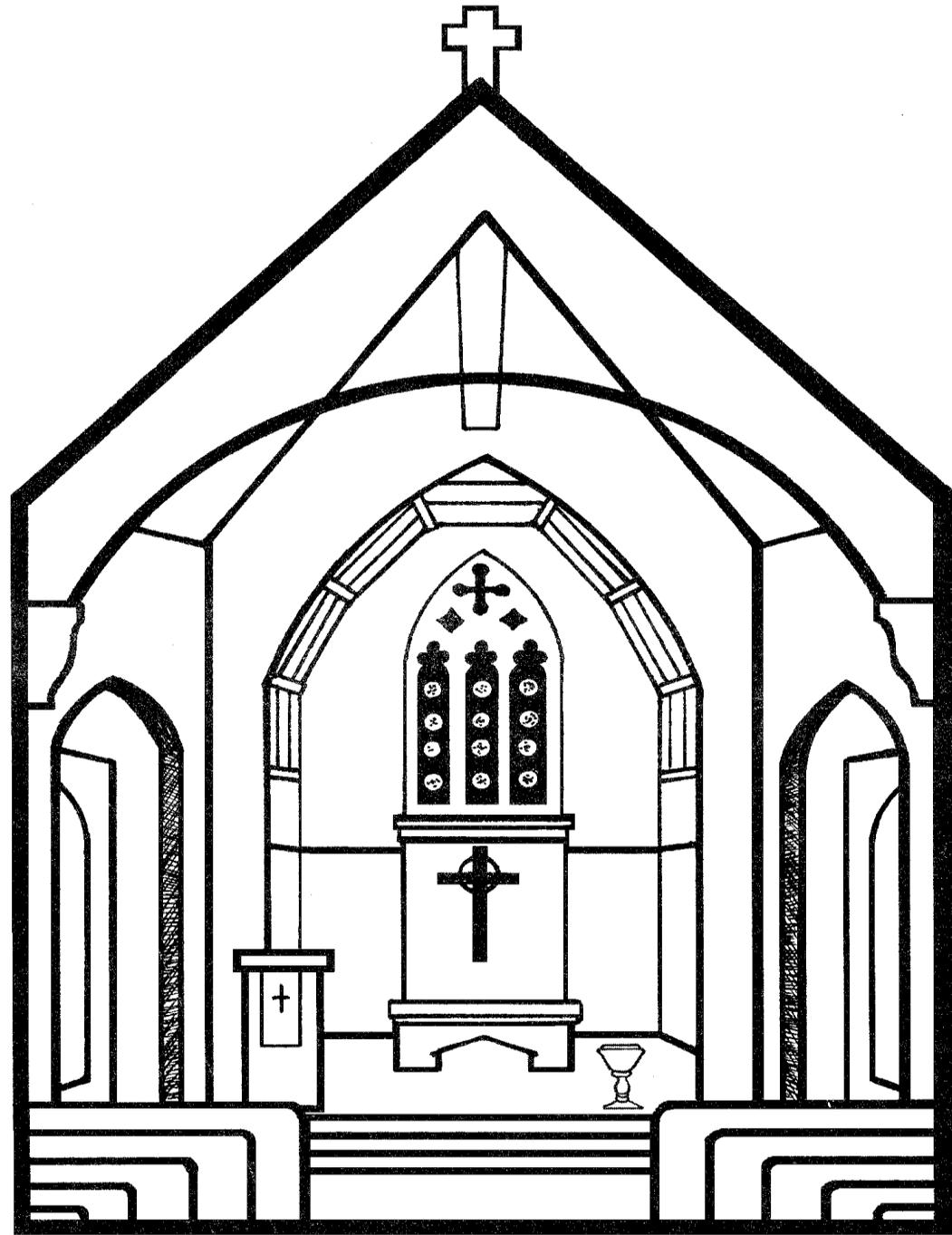
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