

Scriptural Meditation

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:6

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome

Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth
FPC Handbell Ringers

Call to Worship

One: God is calling you today.

All: Help us to hear God's call in our lives.

One: God needs your gifts and graces to help others.

All: May we use the blessings which God has given us to benefit others.

One: Come, let us worship and celebrate God's love for us.

All: Let us show our faithfulness in our words and actions. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

*** Gathering Song**

For the Beauty of the Earth # 14
v. 1, 2, 3, & 5 with organ, v. 4 will be 'a cappella' (voices only)

***Prayer of Reconciliation**

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God

All: How often, O Lord, have we believed that the greatest commandment is solely our love for ourselves. We have not heard the cries of those in need. Many times we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others. Help us to truly understand the commandments to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. Let us care for our neighbors both far and near. Bring us back to your loving light. For we ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

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

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: You are not far from the Kingdom of God, for in Christ we are given grace and forgiveness. Praise God for this marvelous gift! Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

**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

One: O God, you speak to us in scripture. You call us out of darkness and invite us to feed at the banquet of life, a smorgasbord of good things.

(Silent Reflection)

One: As you have with the saints of every age, prepare our ears and hearts, that our ears may hear your word and our hearts may respond with love.

All: Amen. Give us ears to hear and hearts to receive.

Old Testament Lesson

Ruth 1:1-18

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Let the Word Go Forth

Mark Hayes

Let the Word go forth! Let the Word go forth, the Gospel of salvation, to every tribe and nation. Let the Word go forth! Let the Word go forth, God's promise of forgiveness, the gift of true deliverance.

Because the rain comes down from heaven and waters every green living thing, from this nourishment will come a harvest, abundance that's beyond imagining. And from the mouth of God the Word is spoken; the universe responds at his command. The Word shall not return until it prospers, accomplishing God's purpose in the land.

Let the Word go forth! Let the Word go forth, our hope for liberation, the power for transformation.

Let the Word go forth! Let the Word go forth, our call to holy living, and lives of true thanksgiving.

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of Word in our lives, and its resurrection power, each and every hour in our lives.

Let the Word go forth! Let the Word go forth, the Gospel of salvation, to every tribe and nation. Let the Word go forth! Let the Word go forth! United by the Spirit's call, we'll share God's Word to one and all!

New Testament Epistle

Revelation 21:1-6a

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson

Mark 12:28-34

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One: The Word of the Lord.

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Message

A Time of Sharing: Breaking the Bread Pastor Kim Nelson

including a special gift presented to FISH Food Pantry

Bob Sheets, Treasurer of FISH and former colleague of Louis Sewell

This gift is made possible through the endowment of Louis Sewell and his commitment to local ministries assisting those less fortunate.

~Responding to God's Word~

***Affirmation of Our Faith**

Let us stand and affirm our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living 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.

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

Where Charity and Love are Found (Ubi Caritas)

FPC Handbell Ringers, with Peter Durow, Nate Thomas & Riley Kurre, Soloists

***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.

***The Prayer of Dedication**

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Music *Miren Qué Bueno (Oh, Look and Wonder)* Pablo Sosa

Based on Psalm 133

Oh, look and wonder how good it is!
How good it is when brothers dwell in peace with one another; it is like precious oil when running fresh on Aaron's beard.

Oh, look and wonder how good it is!
How good it is when sisters dwell in peace with one another; fresh like the morning dew that falls on Zion's holy hill.

Oh, look and wonder how good it is!
How good it is when all earth's people dwell in peace together: there is where God will pour the blessing, life forevermore.

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

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

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In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices;

The Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (Repeat)

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~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Departing Song**

For All the Saints

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v. 1, 2, 4, & 5 with organ, v. 3 will be a cappella

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Fantasia in g minor

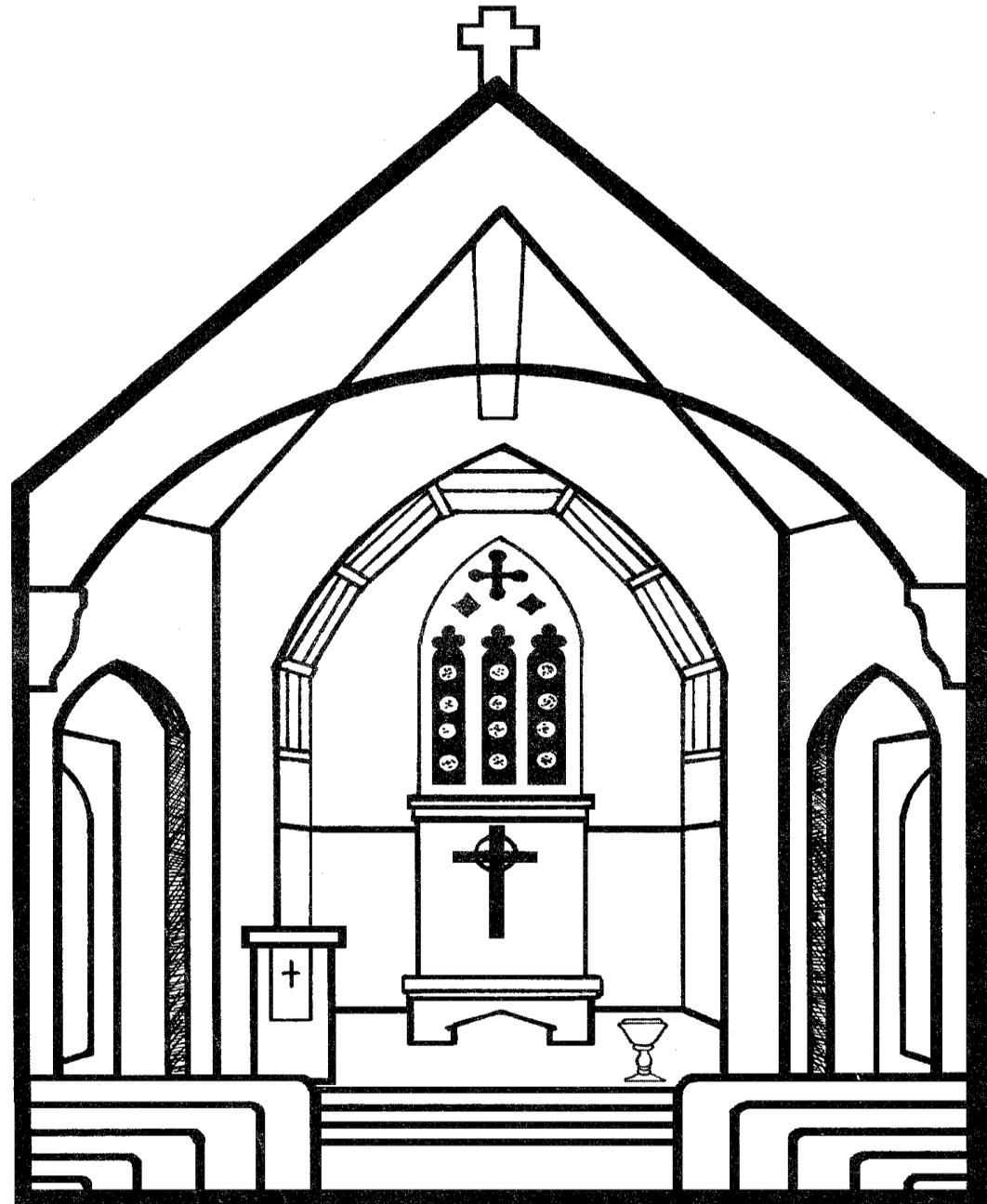
by J. S. Bach

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

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