

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 *Theme and Adagio on "St. Anne"* arr. by Paul Manz

Call to Worship

One: As barrenness is banished and fertile ground is found,

All: Hope wins the day (*getting stronger each time*).

One: As the hungry are fed with abundance, and the poor are raised up,

All: Hope wins the day.

One: As sins are forgiven through the grace of Jesus Christ,

All: Hope wins the day.

One: As Jesus becomes the cornerstone that never fails,

All: Hope wins the day.

One: God's gift that sustains us through days of darkness and times of waiting is—

All: Hope!

Prayer of Invocation

*** Gathering Song** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* # 687

***Prayer of Reconciliation**

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God

All: We have to admit, Holy Listener, that we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others, rather than being provoked to love them. When we are called to encourage those around us, too often our actions and words discourage them. Offered lives of peace and hope, we wander around filled with anxiety and despair.

Forgive us, Rock of Redemption. Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving; keep us on the path of faithfulness, so we might find those whom we are called to serve; give us your words, so we might confess your hope offered to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.
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***A Time for Contemplation** (a private time for you and God)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: This is the good news: God give us hope,
God gives us peace, God gives us joy
so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet.

**All: Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us
and provoked us to love others
and to serve all who are around us.**

One: 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--Heifer Project

Recognition of Birthdays and Anniversaries

A Song of Blessing (Adapted from an Irish Blessing, Tune: *Amazing Grace*)

**May joy and peace surround you,
contentment at your door,
And happiness be with you now,
God bless you evermore.**

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

One: O Lord, too often we have become ensnared in the subtle lies of the enemy,
relying upon human wisdom instead of embracing the Way, the Truth and the
Life, which is Jesus Christ.

(Silent Reflection)

One: Open our hearts to hear and understand, for they have been dulled by the
clamor of a world that has turned away from You.

**All: Turn our thoughts to You, O Lord, that we would hear, so that our souls
would live. For in You, and through You alone, is the life we seek. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

I Samuel 1:4-20

p.244

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Old Testament Canticle

Hannah's Song of Prayer from I Samuel 2:1-10

One: The Lord has filled my heart with joy;

All: How happy I am because of what he has done!

One: I laugh at my enemies;

All: How joyful I am because God has helped me!

One: No one is holy like the Lord;

All: There is none like him, No protector like our God.

One: Stop your loud boasting; Silence your proud words.

All: For the Lord is a God who knows, And he judges all that people do.

One: The bows of strong soldiers are broken,

All: but the weak grow strong.

One: The people who once were well fed Now hire themselves out to get food,

All: but the hungry are hungry no more.

One: The childless wife has borne seven children,

All: but the mother of many is left with none.

One: The Lord kills and restores to life;
He sends people to the world of the dead
And brings them back again.

**All: The Lord makes some poor and others rich;
He humbles some and makes others great.**

One: The Lord lifts the poor from the dust

All: And raises the needy from their misery.

One: The Lord makes them companions of princes

All: And puts them in places of honor.

One: The foundations of the earth belong to the Lord;

All: On them he has built the world.

One: The Lord protects the lives of his faithful people,
But the wicked disappear in darkness;

All: People do not triumph by their own strength.

One: The Lord's enemies will be destroyed;

All: He will thunder against them from Heaven.

One: The Lord will judge the whole world; He will give power to his king,

All: He will make his chosen king victorious. (Based on the TEW)

Anthem *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. Eric H. Thiman

New Testament Epistle Hebrews 10:11-18 p.224

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

Gospel Lesson Mark 13:1-8 p.50

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Message *The Spiritual Forecast* Pastor Kim Nelson

~Responding to God's Word~

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

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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. by Mark Hayes
Ed Burford, Piano & Rebecca Nelson, Organ

***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.**

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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.

Sung Prayer Response *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* # 654

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.

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~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Departing Song** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* # 353

***Benediction**

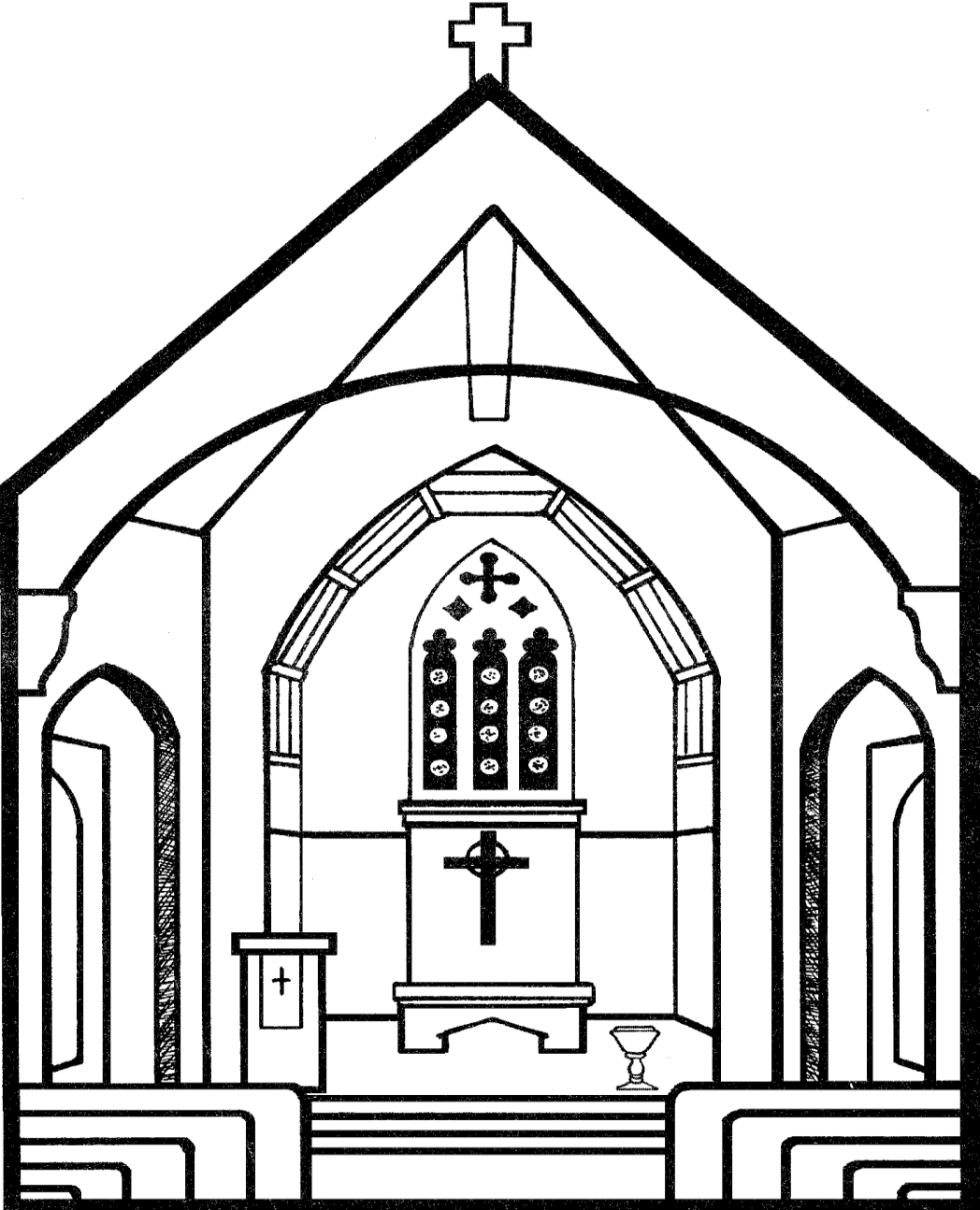
***Postlude** *Presto on "St. Anne"* arr. by Paul Manz

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