

Veterans Remembrance
Stewardship Commitment Sunday

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 *Shaker Tune*

arr. by Wilbur Held

Call to Worship (*Adapted from Psalm 127*)

One: Unless God is our strength,

All: we are weak.

One: Unless God is our peace,

All: we are at war.

One: Unless God is our health,

All: we are sick.

One: Unless God is our purpose,

All: we wander aimlessly.

One: Unless God is the very ground of our lives,

All: we are not really living.

One: Unless God is at the center of our worship,

All: we worship in vain.

One: Come, let us worship God, who is our strength, our peace,
our health, and our purpose—the very center of our lives and worship.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

*** Gathering Song** *Lord of All Good*

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***Prayer of Reconciliation**

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God

All: Lord, we dream of doing brave deeds and giving generous gifts. But we seldom do the deeds or give the gifts. We are too easily frightened by what might happen. We are afraid we might be hurt, we are afraid we may have to work too hard, we are afraid we might fail, we are even afraid of what other people will think. Forgive us for giving in to our selfish fears. Help us, instead, to see more clearly what we might be able to do, and give us the courage to help others by trying to do the difficult things. Make us into your strong, loving people. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: God understands our fears. Jesus prayed that he not be crucified. Like us, he did not want to be hurt. But Jesus loved us and knew what we needed, so he faced crucifixion. Just so, God can give us the courage and power to do the loving deeds that frighten us and that we fear will hurt us. Thanks be to 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.

God's Word for Little Ears

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

Children's Choir

Hold up one finger like a candle

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Cover "candle" with opposite hand and lift off at "NO!"

1. Hide it under a bushel: NO! I'm gonna let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel: NO! I'm gonna let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel: NO! I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Blow out the "candle" (on the word "blow")

2. Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine!

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine!

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hold up one finger like a candle

3. Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: Let us do more than just hear the word of God—let us truly live it, living it with love, for that is the way to build the realm of God! Amen!

Old Testament Lesson

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13

p.243

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *One Small Voice* Douglas E. Wagner
 One small voice, singing in the wilderness,
 One small voice of mine;
 Soft and pure, steady and ever sure,
 This small voice of mine.
 My song shall ride on the morning winds,
 For God's own hand will still uphold me.
 I know the power of God is within me now,
 And my weak voice ever is strengthened.
 And with my one small voice,
 I will sing the mighty power of God.
 For the Kingdom of God is in me!

New Testament Epistle Hebrews 9:24-28 p.224
 One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson Mark 12:38-44 p.49
 One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Message *When There Is No More to Give* Pastor Kim Nelson
 ~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 *Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven* by Pepper Choplin
 Peter and Jodi Durow, Sheri Mitchell, and Alex Mitchell--Quartet

***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 of our Tithes, Offerings and 2016 Pledges**

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. (Repeat)

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Honoring Our Veterans (See Insert)

~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Song of Going Forth** *Seek Ye First* # 175

***Benediction**

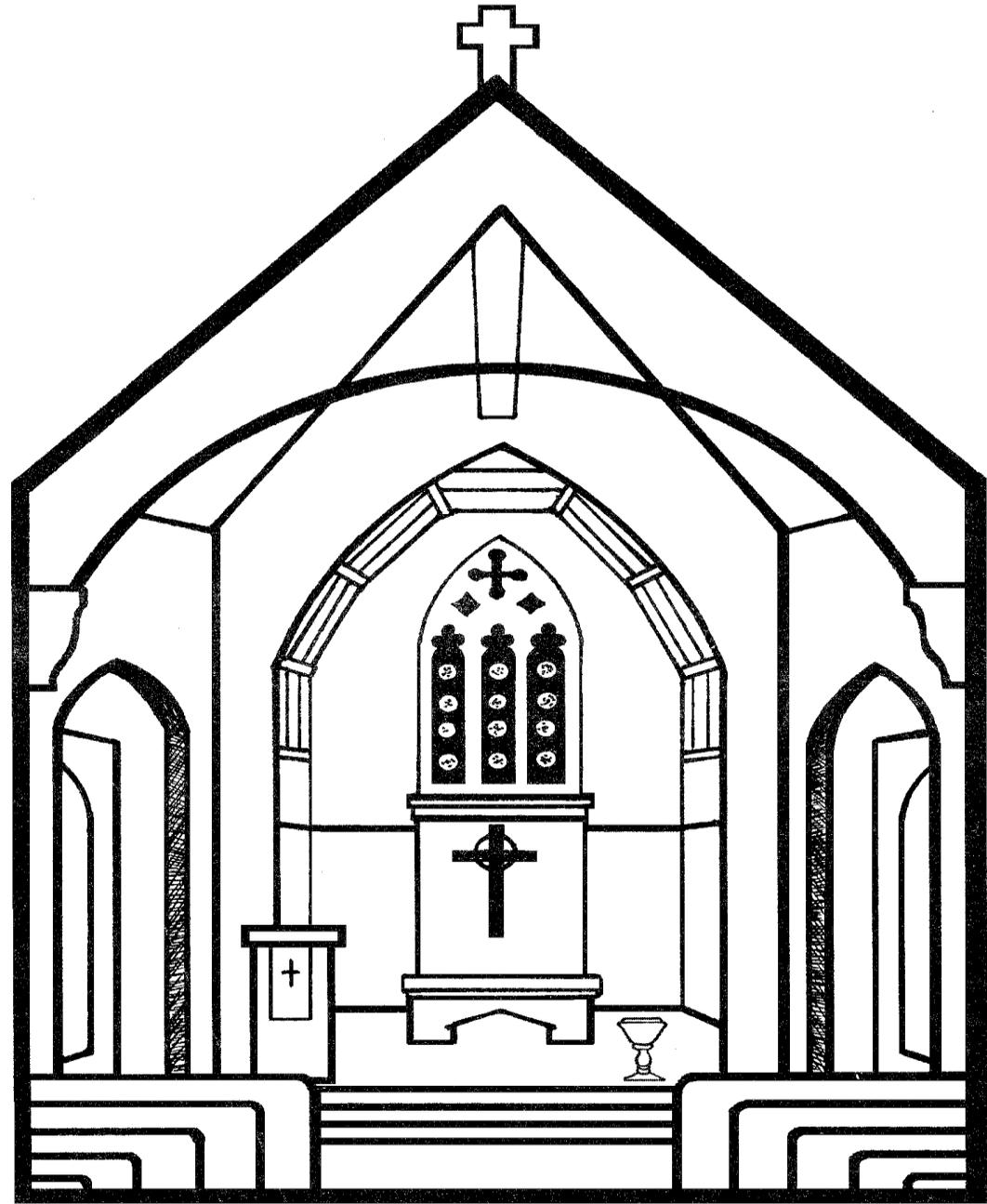
***Postlude** *National Hymn* arr. by J. Wayne Kerr

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

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