

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude *One Sweetly Solemn Thought* Carey-Ambrose

Choral Call to Worship *We Are Called* by David Haas

Call to Worship

One: We praise you, dear God, who answers our prayers.

All: **Happy are those who gather in your house—
those who are satisfied with the goodness
of your holy temple.**

One: You are the hope of all things, Holy One,
from the ends of the earth to the deepest seas.

All: **You are the gateway of the evening
and the morning shout of joy.**

One: Rejoice in God, and be glad.

All: **Let us praise and sing for joy together.**

Opening Prayer

All: **God of all generations, pour out your spirit upon us,
that we too may dream dreams, see visions,
and view the whole created order as your bountiful temple.
With responsibility and joy, we pledge ourselves to renew this temple,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

* Gathering Song *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind* #31

* Prayer of Confession

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.

All: **Creator God, we confess this day to engaging in habits that diminish the
bounty of your creation. Not satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple,
your seas and mountains, your rain and soil, we have fashioned a system of
sustenance that seems good to us, but cannot be sustained.**

Be merciful to us, for we have sinned. Answer us with awesome deeds of
deliverance, O Hope of the Earth. Give us vision and a prophetic spirit. Renew
our vocation, as stewards of your creation. Amen.

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

*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Do not lose heart. Those who humbly admit their sins find favor with God.
For God answers prayer, and forgives transgression. Believe this good news:

All: **We are forgiven and freed to newness of life.**

*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.**

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~Hearing God's Word~

God's Word for Little Ears

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

All: **As the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, enrich us with
wisdom, and bless us with growth, O God of our salvation. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Joel 2:23-32 Page 848

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

Psalm Psalm 65:1-13 Page 527

Anthem *Faith is the Victory* by John Yates
arr.by Larry Shackley

New Testament Epistle 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Page 213

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:9-14 Page 81

Message Rev. Terry Epling

~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 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.** [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 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine* by Phoebe Knapp

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow/Doxology* # 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: Amen.*

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Prayers of the People and 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** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #306

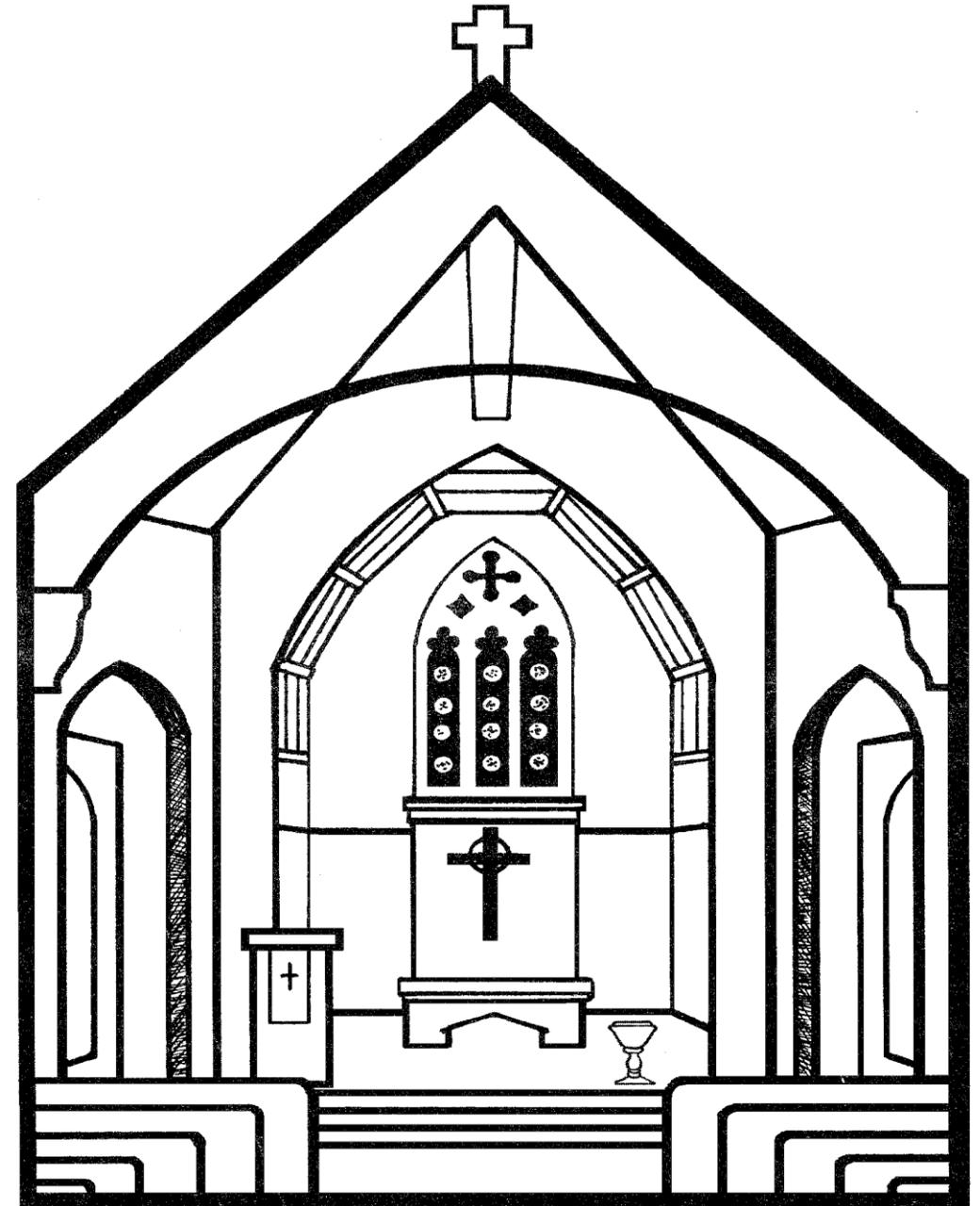
***Choral Benediction** *God Be with You til We Meet Again*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder* J.M. Black

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*Please stand, if you are able.
Electronic aid for the hearing impaired is available from the usher.



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