

## ~Gathering the Family of God~

## The Peal of Our Church Bell

## Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude *How Beautiful* Stan Pethel

## Call to Worship

One: Look around. What wonders we behold!  
**All: We see others, gathered here to worship and praise God.**  
 One: Each person here is a unique, beloved creation of God.  
**All: Each person here is given special gifts and talents by God.**  
 One: Come, let us worship God who has blessed us so mightily.  
**All: Let us praise God with our whole hearts, souls, minds, and spirits.**  
**Amen.**

## Prayer of Invocation

\*Gathering Song *"All Creatures of our God and King"* # 455

## \*Prayer of Reconciliation

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.  
**All: We are broken vessels, O God. You have blessed us and yet we often have chosen our own flawed ways. Please help us to tune our ears and our hearts to you, O God. Help us to seek peace and justice rather than greed and complacency. Help us to remember that you hold us dearly in your hands. You are the potter, O Lord. Forgive our flaws and work with our strengths. Refashion us to be your people, celebrating your love in service to others. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

## \*Assurance of Forgiveness

One God's loving choice for you is peace and hope. Rejoice!  
 For God is with you, reaching out to heal and care for you.  
 Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.  
**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

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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## God's Word for Little Ears – Kids Message

Rev. Sam Roethemeyer

## Prayer for Understanding God's Word

**All: God of knowledge and truth, you search our hearts and know our every thought. You, who formed us in your image, are shaping us even now. As we listen to your Word, mold us ever more into your likeness. Frame us into the wonderful creatures you would have us become. Weave us together to be your people, that we may walk in your ways and follow your path of truth. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 18:1-11 Page 720

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

Psalm Psalm 139:1-6 Page 577

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

New Testament Lesson Philemon 1-21 Page 215

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

Gospel Lesson Luke 14:25-33 Page 78

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

Message "Half-Hearted or Full Commitment?" Rev. Sam Roethemeyer

## ~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** *Tis so Sweet* Bethany McDonald

**\*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: A-men.**

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**Communion Music** *Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**The Invitation**

**Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration**

**Sharing the Elements**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Gracious God may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your faith to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**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** *"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"* #69

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* George J. Elvey

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

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