

The Church at Worship

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Congregational responses and unison readings are indicated in bold.

The Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thank you for loving us, for walking with us and for caring about the smallest details of our lives. Fill us with grace, Lord, that we may have the strength to face what is before us today. Fill us with courage, Lord, that we face the day, unafraid, the way you taught us. And finally, fill us with hope – hope for our world, our nation, our families, and our future which will one day, be spent with you in our heavenly home. Be with us this day and every day so that we hear your voice in all that we do. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

ALL: We praise you Lord! Help us Lord! We worship you Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful

SJ #13

CALL TO CONFESSION

God knows us completely. God knows our hearts and discerns our thoughts. Let us then confess what we carry within us that does not honor God or God’s path of righteousness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive

us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

(Moment for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Book of Common Worship)*

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

The Response to Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri*

#620

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ which passes all understanding be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Please turn to those around you and extend the hand of peace and friendship)

**HYMN OF RESPONSE In My Heart There Rings a Melody SJ #337*

The Word

SCRIPTURE
SERMON

Mark 7:1-37
“Crumbs for the Gentiles”
RE Cindy Lanphear

The Response

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle’s Creed

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 Eucharist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**DOXOLOGY*

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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

The Sending

**CLOSING HYMN*

Take My Life and Let It Be

SJ #436

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**CHORAL RESPONSE*

God Be With You

#583


POSTLUDE

Congregational Care

Kayla Ballard, Rosemary Harris and her helper Linda; Mike Jacobs, Lee Franklin Laster & wife, Darlene; Fraser Leonard, Terry Thomas, the Rev. Tracy Williams; those unable to attend church and those serving in the military, as missionaries and in works of mercy and relief around the world and their families.

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	NOTES FROM TODAY'S LESSONS

The Leadership of the Church

SESSION serves as the governing council of the church.

Current members of the Session are:

- The Rev. Ron Jones, Moderator
- Louan Pyron, Clerk
- Cindy Lanphear, Treasurer

Class of 2024

- Linda McDougal
- Chris Lanphear

Class of 2025

- Stephen Fyr
- Ann Pfeifler

Class of 2026

- Louan Pyron
- Maribeth Laster

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