

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

Father, we come before You today with humble hearts. We praise You for Your goodness and mercy. We thank You for Your many blessings in our lives. We ask for Your guidance and wisdom as we go through this service. Help us to open our hearts and minds to hear from You. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Matthew 11:28-30)*

Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

People: Lord, we come to worship you, seeking sabbath rest.

Leader: Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

People: Lord, we come to worship you, to listen for your teachings and to seek rest for our souls.

Leader: Jesus said, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

People: Lord, we come to worship you, that we might serve you faithfully.

Leader: Give thanks to God; bless God's name!

ALL: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* SJ # 10 vs. 1 & 4

CALL TO CONFESSION

The scriptures teach that there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The scriptures also teach that we have a high priest who has been tested as we are, yet without sin. As the letter to

the Hebrews encourages us, "Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we confess that we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Help us to put on the yoke of Jesus and walk in the way he models for us, and responding with compassion to the needs of our neighbors. Loving God, thank you for Jesus, who makes us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us. We pray through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Moment for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Ephesians 2:4-10)*

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

People: Thanks be to God! For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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 *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* SJ # 116 vs. 1 & 2

The Word

SCRIPTURE II Kings 4:42-44, John 6:1-15

SERMON *"From Small Beginnings"*
The Rev. Ron Jones

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* # 623

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all people here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise
Father; Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Sending

*CLOSING HYMN *Trust and Obey* SJ # 469 vs. 1 & 5

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be With You

#583

POSTLUDE



Congregational Care

Irene Booth, aunt of Louan Pyron; Rosemary Harris and her helper Linda; Ethan, friend of Nebe; Alex Lanphear; Lee Franklin Laster & wife, Darlene; Emma Lollar; Jan Pennington; 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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