

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts, arr. L. Sue¹

INTROIT

Rejoice This Day, M. Patterson²

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Worship Christ,
People: Eternal Son of God;
Leader: Honor Christ,
People: Incarnate Son of Mary;
Leader: Serve Christ,
People: Glorious Ruler of creation;
Leader: for to Christ belong the power and the glory of the Almighty.
People: Praise be to God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 336

We Gather Together, Kremser³

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege; we have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence; we have lived in fear of death and loss; we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies. Therefore we pray: **break our rebellious will. Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace. Expose our insincere thoughts. Give us integrity in our quest for truth. Release us from the fear of death. Grant us courage in the face of evil. Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord. Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom. For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ** (*continue with silent confession...*) **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God has rescued us for the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

People: Through Christ our Lord, we are forgiven.

*ACCLAMATION HYMN 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*⁴

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE *(Greet your neighbor with a first-bump, elbow-bump or wave)*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet each other with the peace of Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

ANTHEM

*Give Good Gifts One to Another, Later Song*⁵

Give good gifts one to another; peace, joy, and comfort gladly bestow; harbor no ill

'gainst sister or brother, smooth life's journey as you onward go. Broad as the sunshine, free as the showers, so shed an influence blessing to prove; give for the noblest of efforts your powers; blest and be blest, is the law of love.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

SERMON

The Mind of God

***HYMN 647**

*Give Thanks, Give Thanks*⁶

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE 601

Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Threefold Amen, Danish Amen*⁷

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth, arr. J. Rutter⁸

As the choir sings the offertory, you are invited to come forward to place your offering in the plates and to place your donation of diapers and baby wipes in front of the communion table. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

***DEDICATION HYMN 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise God*⁹
Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Almighty God, receive our offering for the sake of Christ our Lord. Make us worthy stewards of your gifts and generous citizens of the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

***HYMN 367**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come, St. George's Windsor*¹⁰

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God, J.S. Bach*¹¹

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Leaders Today:



Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Liturgist: Meg Beally

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

The Chancel Choir

Dorothy Blotz, Accompanist

Ushers/Greeters: Judy Graham, Ed Cothroll, Karen Stephens

Handbells: Dorothy Blotz, Bud Smith, Erin Nass, Lee Despain, Janet Sausen,
Sue Dornfeld, Doug Rouse