



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 9, 2024

10:00 am

**please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP*

On this day, we gather with thanksgiving in our hearts.

For God's love is ever constant in our lives.

On this day, we would talk of all that is ours.

Grace upon grace has been poured into our lives.

On this day, we would speak of what we believe.

We will sing glad songs for all that God has done.

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Watching God, we listen to those whose promises are sold to the highest bidder. We idolize celebrities as if they were teachers of ethics. We long for that one person who will make everything right, once and for all. Is it any wonder we are disappointed? Forgive us for turning our backs on you, even as you stretch out your arms to us. Forgive us for trusting those who prove to be false, rather than having faith in your love. Fill us with the spirit of faith which is given to us in Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOSPEL – Mark 3:20-35

Sue Bentley

OFFERING OF MUSIC

"My God Is Good"

Thomas DeBusk, Mark Freeman, Marya Katz

Please sing along with the chorus:

**God is so good,
God is so good,
God is so good,
He's so good to me**

OLD TESTAMENT – 1 Samuel 8:4-10, 19-20; 11:14-15

SERMON

"How Does God Answer?" Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

What is meant by the second petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Your kingdom come"?

We ask God to come and rule among us through faith, love, and justice. We pray for both the church and the world, that God will rule in our hearts through faith, in our personal relationships through love, and in our institutional affairs through justice.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

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.

