



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 18, 2024

10:00 am

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Marya Katz and Emily Davis

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP* (from Psalm 11)

Praise the Lord!

*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the congregation.*

**Great are the works of the Lord
studied by all who delight in them.**

*Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.*

***He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds,
The Lord is gracious and merciful.***

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Almighty God,

**you have raised Jesus from death to life
and sent his Spirit to be with us always.**

**We confess that we have not trusted in
the truth of that Spirit to enliven our hearts,
to set us in the ways of justice,
and to free us from fear.**

**We have turned away from the gift of Christ's
presence.**

Forgive us,

**and turn our hearts back to you,
that we may be your faithful and loving people,
walking in the footsteps of the One
who came to transform the world.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON* *"The Lord Is My Song"* 471

**The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: all my
hope comes from God. The Lord is my song; the
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.**
(sung twice)

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE – Proverbs 9:1-6

Ellen Plaza

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Walt Bostian

OLD TESTAMENT – 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

SERMON *“Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom”* Clark Gaylord

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

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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.

HYMN* *"Send Me, Jesus"* 746

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 542

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN (*everyone is invited!*)