



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 1, 2024

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.
Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP*

God teaches us the way of righteousness,
the way of love, the way of peace.

We glorify God,
gathering to hear God's word.

We glorify God,
enacting God's word in the world.

HYMN*

"Let Us Build a House"

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Loving, righteous God, you have called us to yourself, but we have gone away. Forgetting your living Word, we cling to dead traditions. Deceiving ourselves, we abandon your commands. Hypocrites, we honor you with our lips, while our hearts are far from you. Cleanse our hearts from evil intentions. Cleanse our tongues from evil words, so our worship may be pure and we may live with you in love for others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT – James 1:17-27

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“I Am Bound for the Promised Land/Wade in the Water”

GOSPEL – Mark 7:1-8, 14-23

SERMON

“Hearts Far Away”

Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE *(from "A Declaration of Faith")*

In all generations men and women have rejected God again and again. At times we seek in pride to become gods, denying the good limits that define us as creatures. At other times we draw back in apathy, refusing to fulfill our human responsibilities. The antagonisms between races, nations, and neighbors, between women and men, children and parents, between human beings and the natural order, are manifestations of our sin against God.

To the world in its rebellion and alienation God promised blessing and restoration.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

. . . Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

. . . Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

. . . 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP (bread is gluten free)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN* *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* 630

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.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All Are Invited!

*To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who are lonely and need friends;
To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray, and to all who do not,
but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior,
And to whosoever comes –
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Welcome."*