

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 20, 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

Introit

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

God's greatness is beyond our understanding, yet we proclaim . . .

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

God stretched the heavens across the sky; let us marvel at the stars that fill it.

God raised mountains above the depths; let us gather in wonder before them.

#### PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

## CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice. We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience. Forgive our hubris, gracious God. Correct our ignorant ways and help us to know your glory through servanthood. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silence)

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

#### RESPONSE TO PARDON\*

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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

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 53:4-12 George Norton

OFFERING OF MUSIC Adult Choir, Handchimes Choir "Sanctuary"

GOSPEL - Mark 10:35-45

SERMON Linda Dickerson

"Who Is the Greatest?"

#### SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

(from "Declaration of Barmen," 1934)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body [is] joined and knit together."

## 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\* "The Church of Christ in Every Age" 320

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\*

#### CHORAL RESPONSE\*

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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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

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."