



Service of the Lord's Day
October 25, 2020



God's People Gather

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1)

With glad hearts, we welcome you to worship among this community of believers! The decorated tubes in the pews are guides to assist us in caring for one another by maintaining safe distances. You may move the tubes in either direction in the pew to accommodate your family.

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in my eyes, and in my looking. God be in my mouth, and in my speaking. God be in my heart; and in my thinking. God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.

Prelude A Mighty Fortress is Our God -- arr. McDonald

***Call to Worship**

L: Come, let us bow down in worship,
P: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
L: for he is our God
P: and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

***Hymn I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art** *(please join in humming or meditating on the words)*

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart, who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive; sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. (silent confession) Grant, for Christ's sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of your holy name.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

L: Jesus says, "Follow me; I will lead you into life."

***Response**

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

God's Word is Heard

Time With Children

Anthem **Morning Has Broken** –arr. Adams

Tim Detwiler, clarinet

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

***Entrance of the Gospel**

***Gospel Reading** **Mark 9:14-27**

Sermon **Faithful, Hopeful, Loving**

Rev. W. Carter Lester, Jr.

God's People Respond

***Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minute for Stewardship

Bill Campbell

Offering our Gifts and Lives

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

...The Lord be with you.

And also with you...

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

God's Sends Us Out

***Hymn A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** *(please join in humming or meditating on the words)*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal
ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our
side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord
Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

***Blessing**

***Postlude Finale** -- Telemann

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Please leave the sanctuary by the side aisles and both doors; the deacons will guide you.

Today we welcome friends of the congregation piper Don Walls and his wife Shirley.