

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshippers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure" (Psalm 145)

J.F. Patterson/Havergal

CALL TO WORSHIP and INVOCATION

Who has brought you here?

We have come in response to God, who calls us to be God's people.

Why are you here?

We come to experience God's Presence, to hear God's challenge, to feel God's love.

We come to worship and learn together. Let us pray...

God, some weeks it seems like it would be so much easier to stay home and relax on Sunday morning. But still You urge us to get up and come to worship together.

We have listened to Your urging today.

In this time of song and speech and silence open our hearts and minds to Your presence. May this time together remind us of what is truly important. And may we leave this place committed to live as people of The Way, people of Love. We pray in the name and memory of the Risen Christ, who before his death taught his friends to pray together saying... **(The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors))**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

List of Session members

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

Class of 2024: Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata*, Barbara Wilkins*, David Swann

Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema*, Eddie Blount*, Jackie Rochford*

Class of 2026: Randy Brooks, Barry Cutright, Gail Jones*, Kim Wimer

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Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

Text: Psalm 145 | Paraphraser: Joy F. Patterson (b. 1931)

Music: *Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690 | Harmonizer: William H. Havergal

Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure in all your words, your gracious deeds.

You gently lift all burdened souls and well provide for all our needs.

The eyes of all are fixed on you; by you their wants are all supplied.

Your open hand is bountiful, and every soul is satisfied.

Lord, you are just in all your ways, and kind in everything you do.

Forever near you stand to hear and help all those who call on you.

My mouth shall speak your praises, O Lord; my soul shall bless your holy name.

Let all things living join the song of praise, from age to age the same.

ABOUT THE ANTHEM:

This tune, WINCHESTER NEW, was composed anonymously by a German musician in the late 17th century. Charles Wesley introduced it to the English-speaking world when he chose it for a music collection published in 1742. The harmony we are singing today was written by William Henry Havergal, an Anglican clergyman, composer, and writer. The Havergal name appears many times throughout most hymnals, as William's sons Frances Ridley Havergal and Henry Easter Havergal went on to become hymnwriters themselves. Frances was primarily a writer, poet, and hymnwriter. Henry Havergal was a clergyman, like his father, and then a professional organist. This paraphrase of Psalm 145 was written in 1989 by Joy Patterson, a Presbyterian elder from Wassau, Wisconsin. Ms. Patterson worked as a Social Security administrator and French professor. She still made time to write at least forty-five hymn texts and compose thirteen hymn tunes. Her lyrics are both fresh and poignant; they fit seamlessly into the contemporary lexicon of reformed hymnody. They stand up well alongside the treasured classics of church music history.

HYMN

"This Is My Father's World"

GTG#370

CALL TO CONFESSION: God looks at us, to see if we are wise enough to offer confession, to receive forgiveness, and to seek to know the healing love of Christ. Let us prove our wisdom, and set aside our foolish pride, as we pray together,

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Wisdom's Heart: deep within, we know how we have failed to be your people. Our hardened hearts are closed to the love of Christ; our lust for more and more blocks the fullness of your grace from transforming our lives; our trust in the powers of the world reveals our foolish nature.

Have mercy, God of every generation. Pour out the rich blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls. Feed us with Heaven's Bread, so we might be nourished by your gentleness. Shape us as your people, and restore us to faithful living, as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to everyone we meet.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

Grounded in love, rooted in discipleship, we offer ourselves in service to others, recognizing the limitless grace which is ours to share in Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God's blessings and remain standing for the "Gloria Patri".

RESPONSE*"Gloria Patri"*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

In response to God's abundant grace at work in our lives, let us present with gratitude our gifts of time, talent and treasure, for the building up of God's kingdom.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we bring you our offerings today, and ask that you bless them. Bless the money in the plates that it might be saved, stewarded and spent in ways that honor you. Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom. Bless the hours of our week – until we meet again – that our lives may be our offering to you. Bless us to be blessings in this world. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Jackson/arr. Bartlett

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER THROUGH SONG *"The Lord's Prayer"* Malotte/Bock

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:36-46 and Genesis 45:4-5, 7-8

SERMON *"Thy Will Be Done"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*The Apostles' Creed*

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 Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

HYMN*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"***GTG#688****CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP****POSTLUDE***"Festive Proclamation"*

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BENEDICTION