

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad to them.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT "O Sing a New Song to the Lord" (Psalm 96)

from The New Metrical Version of the Psalms, 1909/Percy C. Buck

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 96)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!

People: Let us shout out in praise!

Leader: God does great things for us. See God’s amazing works all around us.

People: Great is the Lord!

Leader: Tell of God’s wonders! Share stories of God’s glory

People: Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN#1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

INVOCATON

Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and imagine empathy to be weakness. Forgive us Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kingdom of God. Give us courage to be kingdom builders here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ... (silent confession) ... Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news. God loves you. Even in our imperfection, God loves us and won’t let us go. Know that you are forgiven and made new, sent forth to love and serve. Alleluia. Amen.

SIGNS OF RECONCILIATION

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

Leader: Let us the children of God, having confessed our sins and been reconciled to God, having been assured of God's graciousness and mercy, stand and offer that same peace and reconciliation to our brothers and sisters in Christ, forgiving each other and offering grace and peace.

Please 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

We give back in gratitude for all we have been given. All around us are the wonders of God’s love and grace. Tucked within us are gifts to be shared, our talents, our interests, our love and service to others. As we come to the time of offering, we are invited to consider how we will respond to the generosity of God, how we will share our time, talents, and treasures with one another and with the world. Let us consider our gifts given in grateful praise.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, all that we have comes from you. We give back in gratitude. May our gifts become beacons of hope and doors of justice and open arms of love until your kingdom comes. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Pastorale in B-flat" Michael Canales

*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 AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM "Tremble, O Tremble" (Psalm 99) Richard Leach/Alfred V. Fedak

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, as we come to hear your Word for us, still in us all that distracts us. Open our ears to hear your Word for us, read and proclaimed. Open our hearts to be transformed to be your people, to love and serve with faithful obedience. Amen.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

(67/64)	Exodus 33:12-23
(877/835)	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
(736/699)	Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON “Whose Image Do You Bear?” Jackson Weller

*HYMN#12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*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.

POSTLUDE "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" John Darwall, arr. Cindy Berry

*BENEDICTION

***Please stand if able.**

*Hymn lyrics projected on the screen can be found in the “Glory to God” hymnal in the pew.

Sermon Notes: