

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* *Please stand as you are able; Plain text = Leader; **Bold text = People***

PRELUDE *Prelude in F Major* Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder
Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

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

* HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* No. 551

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder
Let us pray, Prayer of Saint Assisi

**Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console;
to be understood,
as to understand; to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Denise Shannon

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our needs, we are given grace to grow and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe in this good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.)

No. 481 v 3

***Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise this providence & grace, Alleluia!
All that God for us has done, Alleluia!
All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia!***

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Pg. 826
The word of the Lord. Deacon

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Let All Things Now Living* Welsh folk melody
Barbara Stimson, alto, Katie Sakanai, soprano Katherine K. Davis,
Harm Gerald H. Knight

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 1:15-23 Pg. 184
The word of the Lord. Denise Shannon

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH (*As children & youth come forward, please sing.*)
***This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.***

SERMON ***Don't Get Tangled in the Barbed Wire*** Denise Shannon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Elder

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve...
with believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
--from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)**

* HYMN *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* No. 171 vv. 1&2, 5&6

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
(*Pray, "Forgive us our sins..."*)

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* Ken Medem

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING Tune: Faithfulness No. 276
***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Denise Shannon

* HYMN *In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful* (see insert)
(Katie will sing first, congregation will join her singing it 2 times more)

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *May the Lord Go with You*

***May the Lord go with you as you leave this place,
May the Lord go with you as you celebrate his grace.
May you be surrounded by His love unbounded,
May the Lord go with you as you leave this place.***

POSTLUDE *Cortege* Gordon Young

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Caroline Clovesko Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly
Greeters: Brenda Cavanaugh & Deloris Green Sound Engineer: Sean Mestdagh
Ushers: Brenda Cavanaugh & Tracy Langworthy
Time with Children: Betsy Smith

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to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education and prayer*

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