

# Service for the Lord's Day

Rally Day

## GATHERING

Prelude *Procession for a Joyful Day* Dale Wood

Welcome (Please sign the friendship pad)

Introit *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* Hasidic melody

Call to Worship (*Psalm 100*)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Come into the Lord's presence with singing!

**Know that the Lord is God!**

It is God that made us, and we are God's;

**We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and courts with praise!

**Give thanks to God, bless God's name!**

For the Lord is good;

**The Lord's steadfast love endures forever, and faithfulness to all generations.**

\*Hymn 26 *Earth and All Stars!* EARTH AND ALL STARS

\*Facing Our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

**We are so happy to gather together today, O God; to see our church family, to feel the buzz of a new year and to prayerfully wonder what possibilities are in store for us. We confess that the flexibility of summer has caused us to fall out of some of our routines. We have missed opportunities to center ourselves in prayer, to study your Word, to serve, and to be in community. Draw us back to you, Lord, and to your church. And draw us back to the person you are calling us to be. Calm the chaos in our lives. Encourage us to set goals for our Christian education, and to center our lives in you.** (*Silence for reflection and self-examination*)

\*Kyrie (Hymn 695) *Change My Heart, O God* Eddie Espinosa



Change my heart, O God; — make it ev - er true. — Change my heart, O God; —



may I be like you. — You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.



— Mold me and make — me; this is what I pray. —

(\*All who are able may stand.)

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing of the Peace

*(Passing the peace is more than a greeting. It is a ritual acting out of Jesus' call to love and forgive others, as we have been loved. We offer God's peace to one another in the ancient words of the church: "The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.")*

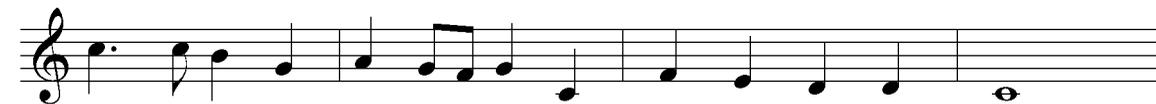
\*Response to God's Grace (Hymn 19) *God of Great and God of Small* Natalie Sleeth



God of great and God of small, God of one and God — of — all,



God of weak and God — of strong, God to — whom all things be - long,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

## PROCLAMATION

Message for Children *This is Where Children Belong* James Ritchie

**This, this is where children belong; welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.**

**Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song, this is where children belong.**

(All children in 4 year old preschool thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade remain in the sanctuary until after commissioning of Christian Education Leaders at which time they are invited to Children's Chapel (Room 211). An adult will meet the children in the narthex following the Message for Children to lead them to the chapel. Please pick up your child immediately following the service.)

Commissioning of 2019-2020 Christian Education Leaders (see insert)

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Pew Bible, OT, page 157

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Word Proclaimed

Betty Connette

## RESPONSE

\*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* (pg. 35 in front of hymnal)

**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.

Sharing Pastoral Concerns and Joys

Prayers of the People and the 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.

Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Teach Me Your Way* Timothy Shaw

\*Doxology (Hymn 607) OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

\*Hymn 453 *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* Hasidic melody

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Fanfare* Jacques Lemmens

### Worship Notes

**Acolyte:** Lachlen Fischer  
**Worship Leaders:** Betty Connette, Bruce Grady, Janet Cherry and the Chancel Choir

*Child care available for infants through three year olds during worship located in the education building, room 201.*

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