

Service for the Lord's Day

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude *Adagio (Symphony V)* Charles-Marie Widor

Welcome (Please sign the friendship pad)

Introit *Soon and Very Soon* arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 12)

Come people of God; come and celebrate God's gift of salvation.

We come without fear. We come trusting in God.

Come people of God; hear God's promises and witness God's mighty deeds.

In hearing the promises, in witnessing the mighty deeds of God, we are strengthened for all that lies ahead.

Come, let us worship and praise God by shouting aloud and singing for joy,
for God truly is in our midst.

*Hymn 336 *We Gather Together* KREMSER

*Facing our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

O God, still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do. Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ we pray. *(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

*Kyrie (Hymn 437) *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!* Appalachian folk melody
**You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

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."

(*All who are able may stand.)

*Response to God's Grace

He Is Exalted

Twila Paris



PROCLAMATION

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

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng,
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song; This is where children belong.**

(All children in 4 year old preschool thru 2nd grade are invited to the narthex for Children's Chapel)

Handbell Anthem *Ring Praise, O My Soul* Margaret Tucker

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 65:17-25

Pew Bible, OT page 696

Luke 21:5-19

Pew Bible, NT page 85

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.

*Hymn 71 *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me* FIRST SONG

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 *The Day of the Lord is at Hand* John Shepherd

*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 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Prelude in C Major* Johann Sebastian Bach

Worship Notes

Acolyte: Scarlett Mixon
Ushers: Art Chard, Louis Alexander, Robyn Barrie and Lori Pressley
Worship Leaders: Betty Connette, Robert Owens, Janet Cherry, Chancel Ringers, and the Chancel Choir

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