

- Children and youth are invited to Faith Formation class following the Passing of the Peace. We also have a hugging room at the back of the sanctuary for parents with young children to use as desired.

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People: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**People: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of
your goodness, O Lord!**

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord;

People: therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #456** “Awake, my soul, and with the sun”

Awake, my soul, and with the sun
your daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay your morning sacrifice.

*please rise in body or spirit

Verse 2

Lord, I my vows to You renew.
Disperse my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with Yourself my spirit fill.

Verse 3

Direct, control, suggest, this day,
All I design or do or say;
That all my powers, with all their might,
In Your sole glory may unite.

CALL TO CONFESSION *From James 5:15-16* Elder Janet Votaw
Scripture declares: “The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” Let us come before God in prayer first silently and then with the words printed in the bulletin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Father, you have demonstrated your faithfulness; even so, we confess that we struggle to trust you. We want proof that everything will turn out well before we take the first step. We worry more about how we are going to be secure in our own strength and fail to see how you have called us to love others. Lord, have mercy on us. Help us to give up control. Fill us with your peace as we place our hope in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. When we turn from our sin and trust in the mercy of God through Jesus Christ, we are assured of the good news of the gospel that together we proclaim:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” Doris Akers
Deb Artz, mezzo soprano

*There’s a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they felt the presence of the Lord.*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”*

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
*please rise in body or spirit

*Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift out hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.*

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

HYMN OF PREPARATION #333 "Seek Ye First"

Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness
And all these things Shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Verse 2

Ask and it shall be given unto you Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door Shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 8:23-27

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷ They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

MESSAGE "What Are We?" Elder John Bloomer

HYMN OF RESPONSE #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Refrain:

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!

Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

	"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated	Rachel Sawyer
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</i>	
	<i>Praise God, all creatures here below;</i>	
	<i>Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;</i>	
	<i>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	

*please rise in body or spirit

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Steve Solano

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.

*CLOSING HYMN #467

“How Great Thou Art”

Verse 1

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru'out, The universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art
Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art

Verse 2

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

Verse 3

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**
Verse 4
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, My God, how great Thou art! **Refrain**

*BENEDICTION

Elder John Bloomer

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart”

Franklin Ritter

*please rise in body or spirit