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FEBRUARY 17, 2019 • 11:00AM



GATHERING

PRELUDE *Prelude in Classic Style* | G. Young Neil Thompson

WELCOME & THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP Rev. Dalton Rushing

INTROIT Chancel Choir
Christ for the World We Sing | F. Giardini

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***HYMN NO. 578** *God of Love and God of Power*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Emilia Josephine Wagner
Child of Kyle and Becky Wagner

With God's help, we will so order our lives, after the example of Christ, that Emilia Josephine, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.

HYMN *You Are a Child of God*

Chords: E^b, B^b

You are a child of God, who claims you as God's own.
I am a child of God, who claims me as God's own.
You are a child of God, no mat-ter what you do,
We are all children of God, who claims us as God's own.

Chords: c, B^b/D

We make a prom - ise to - day
I make a prom - ise to - day
no mat - ter what comes your way.
We make a prom - ise to - day

Chords: E^b, B^b/D

to love you al - ways, help you re - mem - ber
to love my - self and try to re - mem - ber
God's with you al - ways, on clear and cloud - y days,
to love each oth - er and to re - mem - ber

Chords: A^b, B^b/D, E^b

to let Love guide your way.
to let Love guide my way.
shin - ing love on your way.
to let Love guide our way.

WORDS: Maggie Byrne and John Cowden
MUSIC: Maggie Byrne

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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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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ANTHEM *Blest Are They* | D. Haas Chancel Choir

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Praise God, all creatures here below;
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Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 883** Melinda Mobley

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

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CONFESSION & PARDON Rev. Joya Abrams

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LEADER: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

PEOPLE: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL: Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues ...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company in heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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The pastor continues ...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus

Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ’s offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion is open to everyone, no exceptions. All communion bread is gluten, egg, and dairy free. **SERVERS:** Rev. Dalton Rushing, Rev. Joya Abrams, Laurie and Jim Kiernicki

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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