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AUGUST 19, 2018 • 11:00AM



ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDE *The Lord's Prayer* | A. Malotte Neil Thompson

WELCOME & THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP Rev. Dalton Rushing

During the announcements all children are invited to meet in the back of the sanctuary to lead a simple procession and call to worship. They will return to their seats shortly after. After the Children's Moment, children are invited to meet Ms. Robin at the front of the sanctuary (to the right of the pulpit) if they would like to participate in a "reflection time" in room 211 during the sermon. Children will return to sit with their families during the hymn following the sermon.

INTROIT Chancel Choir
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace | arr. M. Hayes

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope, where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of Your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** The Children

CHILDREN: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: And also with you.
CHILDREN: All you who stand in the Lord's house
PEOPLE: Sing praises to God's name because it is beautiful!

***HYMN NO. 121** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Dalton Rushing

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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***SCRIPTURE** Luke 10:25-37 Laura Baker

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The Last Words of David | R. Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia. Amen

***DOXOLOGY NO. 95** *Old 100th Alt*

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CONFESSION & PARDON Rev. Joya Abrams

**PEOPLE: Holy God, we come before You in humility,
For we do not live as we ought. We do not love You
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. So we pray, in
all humility, that You will change our hearts and minds,
That You will show us again how to love others the way
You love us, that You will put power and courage in our
hearts to do your will. This we pray in Jesus' name
and for His sake. Amen.**

LEADER: Friends, let us hear the Good News:
In God we are loved.
In Christ we are forgiven.
In the Spirit we are empowered to begin anew.
Alleluia, **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.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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 the communion bread is gluten, egg, and dairy free.

Communion Servers: Rev. Dalton Rushing, Rev. Joya Abrams
the Hall Family

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in
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