

[We welcome you to worship with us this morning! Out of consideration for the people around you, please ensure that your mobile devices are set to silent mode.]

Regular Print: Leader

**Bold: Congregation**

\*Asterisk: Please stand if able

“Help us to understand that the pilgrimage of this life is but an introduction, a preface, a training school for what is to come. Then shall we see all of life in its true perspective. Then shall we not fall in love with the things of time, but come to love the things that endure. Then shall we be saved from the tyranny of possessions which we have not leisure to enjoy, of property whose care becomes a burden. Give us, we pray, the courage to simplify our lives. Amen.”

- Peter Marshall (1902-1949), Presbyterian Minister, Chaplain to the US Senate (1947-1949)

### ✝ WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD ✝

#### Welcome & Announcements

**Minute for Mission:** Mission Study Committee

*Ryan Claspy*

**Introit (11:00)** *In His Holy Temple*

Emily Lepine (United States, b.1983)

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

(Habakkuk 2:20)

#### Call to Worship (from Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**The Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, his faithfulness to all generations.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**The Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, his faithfulness to all generations.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. Let us worship God.

#### Prayer of Adoration

\*Opening Hymn: #303

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

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#### \*Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, forgive us when we ignore the bounty of your blessings showered upon us. Forgive our wandering from your purpose and plan. We confess our desire to grow

in faith and devotion; yet we are distracted by temptation, selfish motives, and excuses from serving you. Renew us, restore us, and refresh us in the life of faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### \*Silent Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

#### \*The Gloria Patri

Setting: Kevin Dill (2015)

(org.) Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, as it was in the be -  
gin-ning, is now, and shall be for - ev - er, A - men, A - men!

### ✝ WE LISTEN AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED ✝

#### Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 3:9-15

*Pew Bible p.62*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message for Young Disciples

*Vickie Fischer*

**Choral Anthem (11:00)** *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal* American folk hymn, 19<sup>th</sup> century  
arranged as a choral anthem by Kevin Dill (2017)

New Testament Lesson: I Corinthians 12:4-11

*Pew Bible p.212*

Sermon: THE COMMON GOOD

*The Rev. Dr. Daniel Corll*

### ✝ WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND GRATITUDE ✝

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

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. AMEN.

Pastoral Prayer 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.

✠ WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD ✠

\*Closing Hymn: Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak O WALY WALY

Frances R. Havergal, 1872 English folk tune

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv-ing ech - oes of your tone;  
 as you have sought, so let me seek your way-ward child - ren, lost and lone.

2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
 the wand'ring and the way'ring feet;  
 O feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
 your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
 the precious truths which you impart;  
 and wing my words that they may reach  
 the hidden depths of many a heart.

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude (11:00) Postlude in D Julius André (Germany, 1808-1880)



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