

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

“Being led by the Spirit of God means embarking on a journey of spiritual transformation that begins where we are but pushes us into encounters with neighbors who may be familiar and strange. It is about experiencing an open-ended future that promises ultimate community—communion with the triune God and all others who share in that promise.”

– Dwight J. Zscheile, “Cultivating the Spirit’s Leadership in Congregational Life.” In What is Jesus Doing? God’s Activity in the Life and Work of the Church, ed., Edwin Chr. Van Driel (Downer’s Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2020), p. 79.

✝ WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD ✝

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission: Thank Offering

8:30 Carol Ann McCall/11:00 Ann Harned

Introit (11:00) Come, Let Us Adore Him anonymous, from *The Hymnal* (1874)

Come, let us adore him; come, bow at his feet; Let joyful hosannas unceasing arise,
O give him the glory, the praise that is meet! and join the full chorus that gladdens the skies!

Call to Worship (from Psalm 117)

Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!

For great is God’s steadfast love toward us,
And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord!
Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

*Opening Hymn: #367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST GEORGE’S WINDSOR

*Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, our God, we offer our confession of sin to you. Your Word beckons us to be open and aware of our sins, prejudices, actions and thoughts which separate and divide us. We try to hide our motives and selfish intent but you know the thoughts and desires of our hearts. Help us to find our unity in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Forgive us our sins and grant abundant life in Jesus. 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

John Mason Neale, 1851

John Hughes, 1907

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to God the Son,
glo-ry be to God the Spi-rit, ev-er three and ev-er one: one in might and
one in glo-ry while e-ter-nal a-ges run, while e-ter-nal a-ges run!

✝ WE LISTEN AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED ✝

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 3:1-10

Pew Bible p.62

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message for Young Disciples

Vickie Fischer

Choral Motet (11:00)

Jubilate Deo

Kevin Dill (2023)

Jubilate Deo omnis terra! Praise God, all the earth!
Cantate Domino canticum novum! Sing to the Lord a new song!

(Psalm 100:1, Psalm 98:1)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30

Pew Bible p.34-35

Sermon:

The Rev. Josh Heikkila, mission co-worker to Ghana and liaison to the west African nations of Liberia, Niger, Togo, & Nigeria

✠ 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.

*Hymn: #29 O God, You Search Me O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

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: #733 We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude (11:00) *Allegro, from Four Lessons for Harpsichord*
Elizabeth Turner (England, 1700[?] -1756)
adapted for organ by Kevin Dill



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