

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
July 7, 2024 10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP* (from Psalm 130)

Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

His grace is sufficient for us.

Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing, Not in our own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us worship God.

Hymn*

"This Is My Song"

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Holy God, we do not believe that you have overcome sin and death. We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are with the power of your love. In fear, we worship idols; in despair, we collapse in hopelessness; in rage, we seek to dominate others. Forgive us, have mercy on us, grant us peace. Send us out with the good news of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

605

Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son; praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One. Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high. Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOSPEL - Mark 6:1-13

Frieda Bostian

OFFERING OF MUSIC "He Died For Us"

Mark Freeman, Thomas DeBusk, Marya Katz

OLD TESTAMENT – 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; NEW TESTAMENT - 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

SERMON

"Thorny Issues"

Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE (from "A Declaration of Faith")

Jesus lived with a constant sense of God's presence. He put God's claim on his life above all else. He joined others in God's worship and praise. He drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray. Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Holy, holy, holy, 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.

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

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer: O God, you have fed us, and made us one with each other and the risen Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to proclaim your redeeming love to the world. Amen.

HYMN* "O God of Every Nation" 756
Tune of "The Church's One Foundation"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

Go now in peace, Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN - Everyone is invited!

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who are lonely and need friends;
To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray, and to all who do not,
but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior,
And to whosoever comes —
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Welcome."