



David mourning Absalom.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 11, 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 24)*

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Hear our voices!
We wait for you; in your word we hope.

O magnify our God with me.
Let us lift God's name together,

For we sought the Holy One and God answered us;
God delivered us from all fear.
Look to God, beloved, and be radiant.

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

God of peace, we have rejected your redemption and forged our own way. We have held fast to falsehood, deceiving others and ourselves. We have sinned against you and done violence to others. Bitterness and anger consume us. But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered. Our soul waits in hope for your word to redeem us, so that we may begin anew, a new day with you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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**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 – John 6:35, 41-51

Bruce Harper

OFFERING OF MUSIC ""

Thomas DeBusk, Mark Freeman

OLD TESTAMENT – 2 Sam 18:5-9,15,31-33

SERMON

"Oh! Absalom, my son!"

Linda Dickerson

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

We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works. The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord's care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on God's own terms, and is able to far more than we ask or think.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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.

HYMN*

“Be Still, My Soul”

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

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**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

*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."*