



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 15, 2024

10:00 am

*Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit
Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP*

On this morning, as every morning,
we are surrounded by God's grace.
In these moments, as every moment,
we are called to costly discipleship by Jesus.
Throughout this day, as every day,
we are taught peace and hope by the Spirit.

HYMN*

"Let All Things Now Living"

37

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

All we need to do is open our mouths, Teacher of hearts, to show that we give our tongues free rein. We claim we love others, but speak bitter words to them. We think we are good and gracious people, but hurl epithets at those we do not like, or those we fear. We are quicker to speak of judgment for others, rather than being voices for justice.

But with your gracious mercy, Tender-hearted God, you can put out the wildfires of bitterness sparked by our words. You can stop the words on the tips of our tongues and transform them into whispers of peace and love. You can open our ears so that we can hear all that your Teacher of grace and hope, Jesus the Messiah, has to share with us, in these moments and all those to come. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON* *“Glory to God”*

582

**1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**2 World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE – James 3:1-12

Sue Bentley

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“Beauty of the Lord”

SCRIPTURE – Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

“Words Matter”

Kathy Carpenter

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

From the Theological Declaration of Barmen

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God’s revelation.

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* *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”*

700

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.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All Are 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."*