



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 17, 2024

10:00 am

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

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

As we gather for worship,
let us offer praise to God.

*Whether we are sure of God's work in the world
or still waiting for a sign,*

**Let us worship the Lord,
encouraging one another in hope.**

*Whether we are confident
in what the future will bring
or carry more questions than answers,*

**Let us worship the Lord,
strengthening one another in faith.**

HYMN*

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Faithful and just God, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Too often, we have turned from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake.

(silence)

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

**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

OLD TESTAMENT – 1 Samuel 1:4-20 George Norton

OFFERING OF MUSIC Adult Choir
“And I Will Praise Thee, O God”

OLD TESTAMENT – 1 Samuel 2:1-10

SERMON Linda Dickerson
“Despair and Hope”

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE *(from the Confession of 1967)*

**God has created the peoples of the earth to be one
universal family. In his reconciling love, [God]
overcomes the barriers between brothers [and sisters]
and breaks down every form of discrimination based
on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The
church is called to bring all [people] to receive and**

uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life . . . Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize [persons], however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

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* *"Fight the Good Fight"* 846

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 541

**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

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES