

GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life Rebecca Hewitt-Newson
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord in worship!

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude *Amazing Grace* Wood

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation Reggie Jackson

†Call to Worship

Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes.

Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

Oh, that we knew where to find God!

We want to hear and understand God's Word.

The word of God is living and active.

It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.

We cannot hide from God who knows us.

God understands our thoughts and intentions.

Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour.

This is the time to embrace new ways.

Here we set the patterns for everyday life.

Here we are strengthened for every day's challenges.¹

†Hymn 356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

†Passing of the Peace Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Morning 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

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 Assurance

PROCLAIMING

†Gospel Lesson Mark 10:17-31 (*NT p.46) Molly Tharrington

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Invitation to Gather JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Children's Message Lloyd Spruill

*(Kindergarten-2nd Grade will go to the Sonshine Room,
2nd floor, Education Building for Children's Church.)*

†Hymn 387 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer Carolyn McClendon

Offertory *How Firm A Foundation* Labenske

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

(Signing of the Attendance Register may be done at this time.)

†Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the Trinity of Love.

Praise God, within, beside, above.

We praise You! We praise You!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Anthem *Consecration* John Ness Beck

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice, and let it sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.*

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 4:12-16 (*NT p.220) Carolyn McClendon

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *God's Heroic Sympathy* Andrea Dellinger Jones

Discipline of Reflection

(The Discipline of Reflection is a brief, quiet time for personal reflection.)

GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 420 CWM RHONDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

†Blessing

"We, the light of Christ, return to the world."

†Postlude *Marche Romaine* Gounod

* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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The ministerial staff is available for consultation and would
welcome your inquiry.