

GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life

Andrea Dellinger Jones

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord in worship!

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude

Israeli Folk Melody
Shalom Chaverim (arr. Helvey & Govenor)
Piano/Organ Duet

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation

Reggie Jackson

†Call to Worship

God's Word has been lived among us!

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Christ is a part of God's ongoing creation.

We gather before the One who is heir to all things.

Long ago, God spoke to our spiritual ancestors.

Today, God continues that revelation through Jesus.

Who are we that God is mindful of us?

Yet God crowns us with glory and honor.

Jesus has named us as brothers and sisters.

We are called to recognize all humanity as children of God.

The realm of God is for all people.

God's dominion is over all creation.¹

†Hymn 306

Fairest Lord Jesus Silesian Folk Melody
(Silesia is now mostly in Poland)

†Passing of the Peace

Molly Shoulta

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 10:2-16 (*NT p.46)

Tom Pender

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Invitation to Gather

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

Every color, every race, all are covered by His grace.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Children's Message

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

*(Children of all ages will remain in worship today.
There will be no children's church.)*

†Hymn 465

Japanese melody

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer

Lauren Huber

Offertory Anthem

Swahili, from Kenya

Yesu, Kwetu ni Rafiki (Burrows)

Ryan Newson, Djembe

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

(The Swahili words you will hear roughly translate the same as the above.)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (*NT p.218)

Lauren Huber

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Down Is The Way Forward

Andrea Dellinger Jones

Discipline of Reflection

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

The Observance of Holy Communion

The music you will hear during Communion is from the Christian church in Syria, in honor of our Syrian brothers and sisters who are refugees today.

Invitation to the Table

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 299

Amen

African-American Spiritual

†Blessing

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

†Postlude

Amen, Siyakudumisa (arr. Kerr)

South Africa

* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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or would like to make a public profession of faith,
we invite you to present yourself during the Hymn of Response.
The ministerial staff is available for consultation and would
welcome your inquiry.