

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 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* Powell

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation Deborah Tharrington

†Call to Worship (PBL, based on Eph. 4:11-13)
We gather to worship a God who gives gifts for service and
calls all of us to use them in ministry.

**The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles,
some prophets, some pastors and teachers,**

And some sew clothes for those hurting or in far-off places, and
some prepare delicious meals for those grieving or in need of
comfort, and some offer a smile or kind word to those who are
lonely or sad...

**...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building
up the body of Christ, until all come to the unity of the
faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity,
to the measure of the full stature of Christ.**

As we prepare to ordain four new deacons and to install the deacon
body for 2015-16, let us worship our God who calls us all to a life of
service.

†Hymn 343 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

†Passing of the Peace Andrea Dellinger Jones
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

†Hymn 435 ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN
We All Are One in Mission

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer Celia Driver

Offertory *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 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.**

Bearing Witness to the Movement of God

Scripture Reading James 1:17-18
Giving Witness Jonathan Babb

Chorus *Make Me A Servant* Willard
**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.¹**

Scripture Reading James 1:19-21
Giving Witness Lauren Huber
Chorus *Make Me A Servant* Willard

Scripture Reading James 1:22-25
Giving Witness Jan Pender
Chorus *Make Me A Servant* Willard

Scripture Reading James 1:26-27
Giving Witness Wanda Womack
Chorus *Make Me A Servant* Willard

Anthem *Sing the God of Love Creating* Turner/arr. Williams

*Sing the God of love creating, sing the One who all has made. Serve
the neighbor, God relating: justice, mercy, love translating. Sing and
serve, serve and sing: God has been our aid.*

*Sing the God of love restoring, sing the Christ who burst the grave.
Serve the city, God adoring: way and truth and life outpouring. Sing
and serve, serve and sing: God will surely save.*

*God our help through all the ages: god, our hope in years to come;
God, whose love our life engages, weaving service with our praises. God
we serve, God we sing: our eternal home.²*

GOING FORTH

A Service of Deacon Ordination and Installation

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

†Postlude *The Master Hath Come* Larson

* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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or would like to make a public profession of faith,
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The ministerial staff is available for consultation and would
welcome your inquiry.