

GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life
Lift up your hearts.

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

We lift them up to the Lord in worship!

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Walther

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation Grady Moss

†Call to Worship

God is gathering us from many different places.
No one is worthy, but all are invited.

**God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back.
God cares for us amid our pain and losses.**

We are delivered from our fears and saved from trouble.
Happy are those who take refuge in a loving God.

**Our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing.
We join in shouts of praise to God Most High.**

Taste and see how good God is.

Trust in the One who awakens joy in place of tears.

**We will bless our God in all times and places.
Let us exalt God's name together!¹**

†Hymn 260 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

†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 10:46-52 (*NT p.47) Grace Tharrington
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem *This Is the Day* Schultz
Children's Choir

*This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and sing!
Sing even when the night is long and you must sing a silent song.
Sing even when the day goes wrong; sing to the Lord a song.
Sing to the Lord in honesty; sing to the Lord triumphantly.
Sing to the Lord most joyfully!
This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and sing!*

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

†Hymn *O God, You Send Us Out to Walk* TALLIS' CANON
**O God, you send us out to walk,
for faith is more than idle talk;
It's more than saying, "Be well fed!"
when others don't have daily bread.**

**We walk with joyful, eager feet
so others will have food to eat.
We staff the checkpoints, offer rest,
and serve you, Lord, for we've been blessed.**

**When we grow weary, may we know
that some must walk where-e'er they go.
For water, food, or work to do,
they walk till they grow weary too.**

**O Lord, we walk in safety here
and know that others walk in fear.
They flee oppression, flood, or war,
each fear-filled day, they walk some more.**

**Not all here walk with strength
or speed but all can give to those in need.
And as we serve you, may we know
you walk with us where-e'er we go.²**

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer Marlene Ingham

Offertory *Siyahamba* Zulu Melody
("We are marching in the light of God!")

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.**

Hebrew Bible Lesson Marlene Ingham
Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (*OT p.488)

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Sermon *The Ritual of Return* Molly Shoulta

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

GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 379 SOLID ROCK
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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

†Postlude *A Mighty Fortress* Held

* 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.