

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn of Commissioning

Standing on the Promises

No. 838

*Benediction and Invitation

Postlude

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January 14, 2024

Sunday Order of Worship
11:00 AM

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* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

This is the day that You have made, Lord. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad! Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as Your people: to come to You in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all Your promises. Open our eyes to see You, Lord. Open our ears to hear Your Word. Visit us through Your Holy Spirit and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshipers. **For hearing or sight impaired worshipers:** Sound Enhancement Receivers and Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers.

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Victor Holton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Praise the Lord.
People: The Lord’s name be praised!
Leader: O magnify the LORD with me.
People: Let us exalt God’s name together!
Leader: We have gathered to praise our gracious God.
People: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

*Hymn of Praise

How Great Thou Art

No. 625

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

Leader: O God, You have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.
People: Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
Leader: We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.
People: Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Grace

The LORD is faithful in all His words, and gracious in all His deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.
—Psalm 145:13-14, NRSV

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Pew Bible page 192

Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

John 1:40-51

Pew Bible page 751

Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon

An Invitation That Can Change Your Life

Dr. Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

No. 829

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Prayer of Intercession

Kristy Gordon

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving