

\*Gloria Patri No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*Hymn of Commissioning**

What a Fellowship

No. 837

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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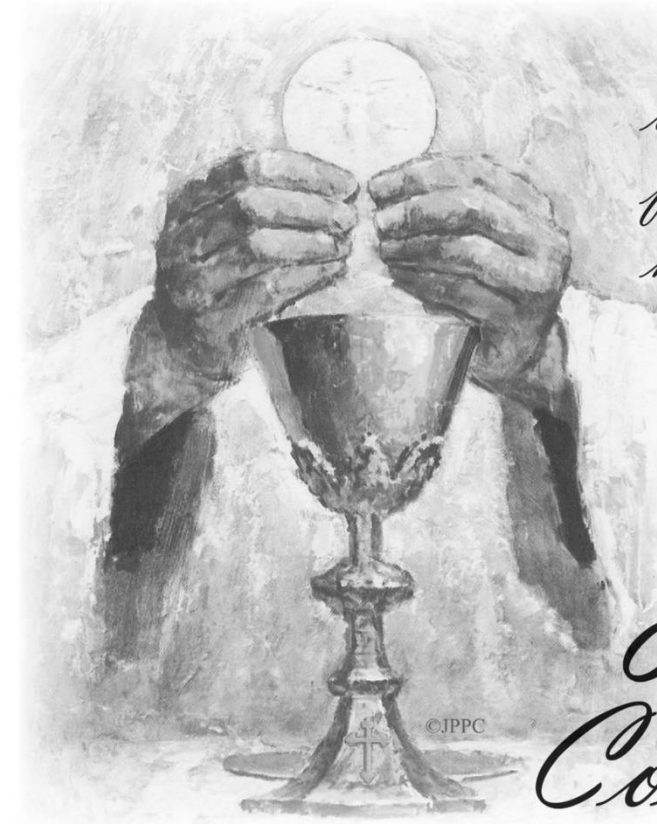
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*“... This is my body,  
which will be given  
for you; do this in  
memory of me. ...”*

*Luke 22: 19*

*Holy  
Communion*

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*Sunday Order of Worship*

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## Worship Service

January 5, 2025

11:00 AM

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

### Prayer of Preparation

God of all learning, When the boy, Jesus, stayed in the temple to learn from the elders, it was the elders who in turn learned from Him. Teach us, Lord, as You have taught others, and grant us wisdom and willingness to learn. 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 worshippers. **For hearing or sight impaired worshippers:** Sound Enhancement Receivers and Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers.

### \*Greeting One Another in Love

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

### Prelude

#### Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: All who thirst,

**People: come to the water and drink deeply of these living streams.**

Leader: Come,

**People: all who are weary;**

Leader: come,

**People: all who yearn for forgiveness.**

Leader: Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.

**People: Let us give praise for new life in Christ.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

Blessed Assurance

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### \*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, Lord of the Church, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed: we have not loved You with all our heart or served You with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to Your call to costly discipleship; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another. In Your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve You with joy all the days of our life. God we come to you now in a time of silent confession to prepare our hearts for communion.

*(time of silence)*

**Amen.**

### \*Assurance of God's Grace

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to You, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. —1 John 1:5-7, NRSV

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

#### First Scripture Lesson

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 2:7-8**

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#### Second Scripture Lesson

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 2:41-52**

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### Anthem

### Sermon

*Asking Good Questions*

Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn of the Day

In God There is no East or West

No. 317

Ordination and Installation of New Elders – see insert

### Sacrament of Communion

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### The Words of Institution

### Communion of the People

*(gluten free bread served)*

### 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

### The Offering

### Offertory