

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 Dedication

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn of Commissioning Standing on the Promises No. 838

*Benediction

Postlude

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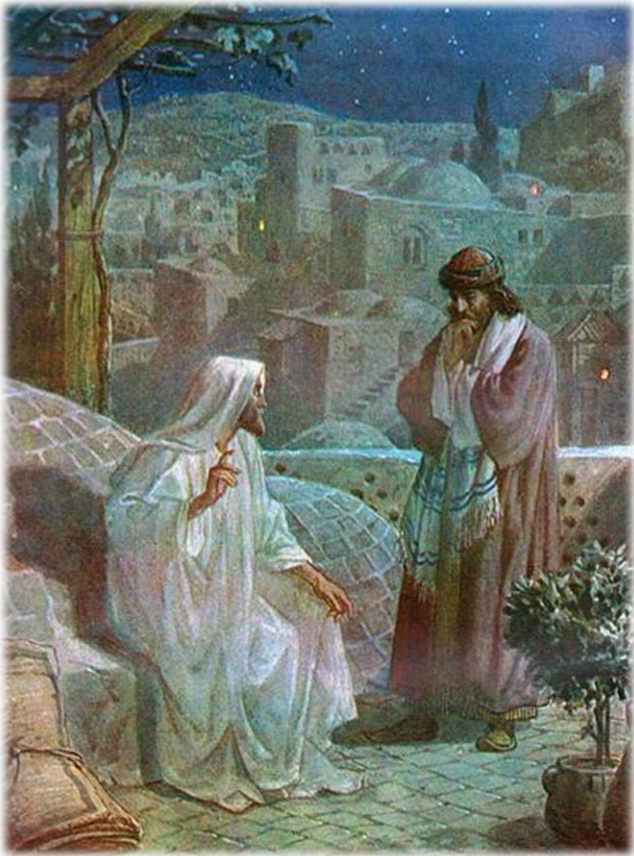
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Sunday Order of Worship
11:00 am

We are a community of believers, sharing God’s love, in worship
and service, as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The marks of this life are:
Pray daily;
Worship weekly;
Enjoy spiritual friendships;
Read and study the Scriptures;
Engage in service in and beyond the church;
Share the Good News of the Gospel with others, and
Practice generosity with one’s time, talent, and money.

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Prayer of Preparation
Creator God, You gave us new life when we were born of water and Spirit. Help us dive into that new life, refreshed and renewed for Your work. 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 sight impaired worshipers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshipers:** We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Call to Worship (Responsive)
Leader: God invites us into His healing presence with these words: “I am the Lord, who heals you.”
People: Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come hungering for health that only God can provide. God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward Him, the Great Physician.
Leader: We bow before Him in faith and expectancy!
—based on Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10

*Hymn of Praise Crown Him with Many Crowns No. 268

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Be mindful of Your mercy, O LORD, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness’ sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, He instructs sinners in the way. For Your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble and forgive all my sins.
—Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV

*Assurance of God’s Grace
Christ is our peace; those who are divided He has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by His death and has built us up into one body, with God. To all who repent and believe He has promised reconciliation. So, live as people reconciled. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD		
Prayer for Illumination		
First Scripture Lesson Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.	Psalm 139:13-18	Pew Bible page 445
Second Scripture Lesson Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.	John 3:1-21	Pew Bible pages 751-752
Anthem		
Sermon	In the Dark	Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day Take My Life No. 697

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed
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 on 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. Amen

Prayer of intercession and The Lord’s Prayer Karen Pirkle
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, forever. Amen.

The Offering