

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn of Commissioning

I've Got Peace like a River

No. 623

*Benediction

Postlude

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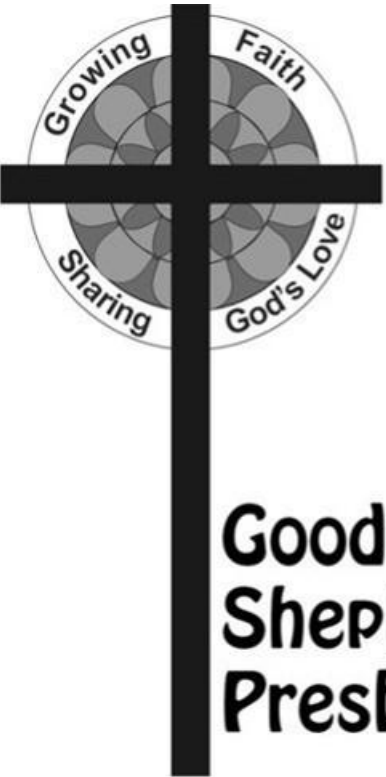
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Sunday Order of Worship

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

Prayer of Preparation

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to You and to Your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise.
People: All the earth worships You; they sing praises to You, sing praises to Your name.
—Psalm 66:1-2, 4, NRSV

*Hymn of Praise

Praise Ye the Lord

No. 35

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before You, for we have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways, for we have rebelled against Your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected Your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To You belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline Your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before You. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of Your great mercy. On the ground of Your great mercy in the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name that we pray, for He is our Savior and the Mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.
—based on Daniel 9:4-19

*Assurance of God’s Grace

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 19:3-9

Pew Bible page

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

Second Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Pew Bible page

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

Anthem

Sermon

Elijah’s Story

Rev. Jeff Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

Spirit of the Living God

No. 288

*Affirmation of Faith

The 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

Diane VanValkenburg

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

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