

September 6, 2020

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

Service for the Worship of God



Our Mission is to be a
community of disciples
with a heart for God
and hands to help others.

* = All who are able please stand. ♦ **boldface** = congregation participates

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord of mercy and kindness, we thank you for the gift of church and community. You have blessed us with a family to care for us, love us, encourage us to grow, and people who make our lives more full of your presence. Praise be to you Lord, Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

(9:00am) *Seek Ye First*

arr. Douglas Wagner

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God from East and West, North and South: we are here to worship God.

People: We come from different places but are one body in Christ.

Leader: We are not just individuals gathered in one place

People: We are family united by God.

Leader: In this spirit, we shout Alleluia to the God who reigns over all!

ALL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord we want to be in community with you and with each other, but we put ourselves first. We think of our own needs and wants and hopes before we consider others. We demand that people conform to us, rather than compromise or meet others where they are. Lord make us humble. Remind us that we are not always right, and we don't need to be right to be worthy of love. God we also confess that when we should have a serious talk to one another, we avoid it. We talk with everyone else first. Help us to be brave enough to talk about hard things. Lord in your mercy, forgive us in Jesus' name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: Jesus Christ has died and is risen and brings us to new life!

People: Praise be to God! We are forgiven. Alleluia, Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. ³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. ³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. ³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain. ³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways. ³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you. ³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. ⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

(9:00am) *Etude 61* by Bordogni/Mulcahy

Presented by Dylan Rhem

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: *Church Rules!*

Responding to the Word

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Going Forth to Serve

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

PARTING MUSIC

(9:00am) *We are the Church*

by Avery and Marsh

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Lisa Miller, Reader

Dylan Rehm, Chancel Choir & Handbell Director

Darlene Richards, Organ

Kurt Schweitz, Band Leader

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor

Messenger Band