

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 22, 2024

10:00 am



*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit
Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

*All who thirst. come to the water and drink deeply of the
living streams of Jesus Christ.*

*Come all who are weary; come all who yearn for
forgiveness.*

***Our gracious God beckons and blesses us Let us give
praise for new life in Christ.***

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
But we do not insist on freedom for all.**

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON* *“Glory to God”*

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**1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**2 World without end, without end. Amen.
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is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE – Selected verses

Ann Marie Connor

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“Count Your Blessings”

OLD TESTAMENT – Galatians 5:22-23

SERMON

“Kindness”

Lucian Robinson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

From the Theological Declaration of Barmen

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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 forever. Amen.

HYMN* *"What Does The Lord Require Of You?"* 70
Sung as a round

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 542

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All Are Invited!

*To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who are lonely and need friends;
To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray, and to all who do not,
but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior,
And to whosoever comes –
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Welcome."*