

# The Church at Worship

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

*Congregational responses and unison readings are indicated in bold.*

## The Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We lift these hands, dear God, to you, in praise and thanks for all you do. You light the path through all our days and bless us with your loving ways. We lift these hands dear God, to you, in troubled hours when joys are few. You bear us up on eagles' wings and see through each test life brings. We lift these hands, dear God, to you, please grant us wisdom, patience too. Then fill our heart with love and caring precious gifts you've made for sharing. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, in you we trust.

**People: Lead us in your truth and teach us,**

Leader: For you are the God of our salvation;

**People: For you we wait, for you we worship.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*      # 256

CALL TO CONFESSION

We pause here to examine our lives, our temptations, and the ways we have fallen short before our God. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: *Remember and receive these hopeful words from John 8:31-32, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Receive God's truth. Receive God's grace. Accept the freedom God provides. Amen.*

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## The Response to Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri*      #620

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: *The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ which passes all understanding be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please turn to those around you and extend the hand of peace and friendship)*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE      *Blessed Assurance*      #295

## The Word

SCRIPTURE

- Proverbs 11:25 - A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 - Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- Proverbs 19:17 - Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.
- Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.
- 1 Chronicles 29:14 - But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

CHARITIES PRESENTATION

RE Cindy Lanphear

## The Response

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's 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.**

## The Eucharist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*\*DOXOLOGY*      # 623

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all people here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father; Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## The Sending

\*CLOSING HYMN      *Send the Light*      #540

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE      *God Be With You*      #583

POSTLUDE

