

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, please grant us wisdom, patience, too. Then fill our hearts with love and caring, precious gifts you've made for sharing.

—Emily Matthews

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.

People: Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Leader: For now the winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth.

People: Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,

Leader: The time of singing has come; the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

People: Join with all nature in manifold witness.

Leader: Arise, my love, my fair one and come away

ALL: To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *When Morning Gilds the Sky* SJ #66

CALL TO CONFESSION

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting; God's grace never changes. Therefore, we come together to confess our sin, trusting that in Christ, we have already been forgiven.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen

(Moment for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Isaiah 25:9)*

Leader: Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!

People: For in Jesus Christ, we are fully and forever forgiven! 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 *Take Time to be Holy* SJ # 171
vs. 1 & 4

The Word

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

SERMON *"That to Which We Have Come"*
The Rev. Ron Jones

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

The Sending

*CLOSING HYMN *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* SJ #524

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be With You* #583

POSTLUDE

Congregational Care

Kayla Ballard, Rosemary Harris and her helper Linda; Lee Franklin Laster & wife, Darlene; Fraser Leonard, the family of Rosanna Taylor, Terry Thomas, the Rev. Tracy Williams; those unable to attend church and those serving in the military, as missionaries and in works of mercy and relief around the world and their families.

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	NOTES FROM TODAY'S LESSONS

The Leadership of the Church

SESSION serves as the governing council of the church.

Current members of the Session are:

- The Rev. Ron Jones, Moderator
- Louan Pyron, Clerk
- Cindy Lanphear, Treasurer

Class of 2024

- Linda McDougal
- Chris Lanphear

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- Stephen Fyr
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