

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

* Please stand if able

Plain text = Leader

Bold text = People

Prelude

“Meditation at the Cross” Organist, Julie Pulliam
Organ/Piano duet, Betty Niquette, piano Arr. Ellen J. Lorenz

(Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.)

Welcome and Announcements

Elder, Jo Ann Flores

Call to Worship (Please stand)

Elder

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole life long.

Let us worship God!

* Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

PH # 387

Prayer for Renewal (Unison. Be seated.)

Elder

Let us pray...

Holy and merciful God,

**in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings and our offenses against you.**

You alone know how often we have sinned

**in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

for we are ashamed and sorry

for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light,

and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

The Rev. Dr. Terry Olthoff

Amen. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us our sin,

strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit

keep us in eternal life.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Sung Response (Stand as desired.)

PH # 113 Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

All creation join to say; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing oh heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings:

John 10:22-30 (NT pg. 98)

Deacon Reader, Lori Golightly

Mark 9:30-37 (NT pg.42)

The Rev. Dr. Terry Olthoff

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Time with All Ages

C.E. Director of Children & Youth, Linda Valo

(As the children and youth come forward, please join in singing)

This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.

Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.

Sermon

“What Is Really Important”

The Rev. Dr. Terry Olthoff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* Statement of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation

for those who are in Christ Jesus;

for we know that all things work together for good

for those who love God,

who are called according to God’s purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height,

nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

* Hymn:

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

PH #464

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

Pg 16 front of Hymnal

Offertory

"To a Wild Rose"
Piano/Organ duet, Betty Niquette, piano

Organist, Julie Pulliam
Edward McDonald
Arr. Rob Roy Peery

Presentation of Offering

"Doxology"

PH #592/1

Prayer of Dedication

*** Hymn**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

PH # 276

***Charge and Benediction**

*** Closing Sung Response**

STF# 2223 verse 1 and refrain

***We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

Postlude

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Organ/Piano duet, Betty Niquette, piano

Arr. H.R. Hopkins

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Jo Ann Flores
Time with All Ages: Linda Valo
Ushers: Bill & Karen Powers

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly
Greeter: Valerie Friedman
Flowers: Chuck & Jeanne Miller

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*WPC Mission Statement
To worship God through faith and action,
To nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
To be an extended family to all,
And to serve the community
through programs, education, and prayer.*

***Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022***