

Proclaiming Christ | Delighting in His Grace | Sharing in His Mission

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Largo”
Fred Markey, organ

George Frideric Handel

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

“Bless the Lord, My Soul”

Beecher

Bless the Lord, my soul, my whole heart ever bless his holy name,
Bless the Lord, my soul; forget not all his mercies to proclaim.
Who forgives all thy transgressions, thy diseases all who heals;
Who redeemed thee from destruction, who with thee so kindly deals.

Psalm 103:1-4

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN

“God Is My Great Desire”

Leoni

God is my great desire, his face I seek the first;
To him my heart and soul aspire, for him I thirst.
As one in desert lands, whose very flesh is flame,
In burning love I lift my hands, and bless his name.

God is my true delight, my richest feast his praise,
Through silent watches of the night, through all my days.
To him my spirit clings, on him my soul is cast;
Beneath the shadow of his wings, he holds me fast.

God is my strong defense, in every evil hour;
In him I face with confidence, the tempter’s power.
I trust his mercy sure, with truth and triumph crowned:
My hope and joy for evermore, in him are found.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH—THE APOSTLES 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 Spirit, 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 at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. Ron Meyer* 9:30 *Rev. Thomas Myrick* 11:00 *Rev. Corey Gray*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 4:1–11

page 809, pew Bible

8:00 *Marce Bettridge*

9:30 *John Boland*

11:00 *Hannah Boyle*

*HYMN NO. 428

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

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GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

8:00 *Bob Langston*

9:30 *John Hocker*

11:00 *John Ritterpusch*

OFFERTORY

“Tree of Life”

Pepper Choplin

*Sanctuary Choir; Valerie Simonsen, soprano;
Traci Klemm, piano*

In Eden’s garden paradise, so full of beauty, full of life,
With fruit to feed humanity that all would live forever,
And there a tree of knowledge stood with mysteries of evil and good.
When people ate its tempting fruit, their days on earth were numbered.
Though they were moved from paradise into a world where all would die,
Still God so loved the world he made,
God had a plan to a make way that all would live forever.

On Calvary’s hill a tree would stand,
Nailed to this tree God’s holy man would taste the bitter fruit of painful death,
The fruit of sin and suffering.
For God so loved this world he made, his act of love would make a way
That all whosoever would believe should never die,
But have new life, so all would live forever.

A seed of faith fell to the ground,
A kingdom tree grew strong and sound.
It offers all the fruit of life.

All who receive, all who believe shall never die.
Come to this tree that God has grown,
Come see the truth that God has shown:

All who receive the fruit of life shall live and live forevermore.

11:00 PRAYER FOR CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Children K–3rd grade may come forward. If your child is not wearing a registration name tag, please accompany your child.

*HYMN NO. 624

“Doxology”

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

SERMON

“Paradise Lost”

Dr. Todd Smedley

3rd in a series on the book of Genesis

*HYMN

“O Church, Arise”

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend



1. O Church, A - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the call of Christ our Cap - tain.
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, But to rage a - gainst the cap - tor;
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, As the Son of God is strick - en;
 4. So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - ery stride, Give ___ grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle;



For now the weak can say that they are strong, In the strength that God has giv - en.
 And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, We will fight with faith and val - our.
 Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, For the Con - quer - or has ris - en.
 That we may run with faith, to win the prize Of a ser - vant, good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth, We'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies;
 When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, We know the out - come is se - cure.
 And as the stone is rolled a - way And Christ e - merg - es from the grave,
 As saints of old still line the way, Re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace,



An ar - my bold whose bat - tle - cry is Love, Reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
 And Christ will have the prize for which He died, An in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
 This vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day Ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
 We hear their calls, and hun - ger for the day When, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

DEACONS MINUTE

Carol Jackson

DEACONS OFFERING

“Tuba Tune”

C. S. Lang

Fred Markey, organ

*BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”

John Stanley

**Congregation standing as able*

An Elder and Women's Ministry representative are available for prayer or ministry at the front of the Sanctuary at the conclusion of each service.

Sanctuary flowers are given by Lisa & Clive Wilson in memory of Estelle Wittholz.

The morning worship service is broadcast each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. locally on WAVA 105.1 FM and streaming at wava.com.

Hearing enhancement units are available for checkout in the Media Center or ask an usher for assistance.

A WORD TO OUR WORSHIPERS AND PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder of our God's covenant faithfulness.

We want to be a congregation that welcomes our children and gives a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Remember that the way we respond to children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

So parents, relax! God put the wiggle in your children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastors, ushers, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn to worship by watching and following you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"A Passionate Prayer"

Colossians 1:9-14

Dr. Robert Norris

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

MORNING SERVICE

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

"Cain and Abel"

Genesis 4:1-26

Dr. Todd Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"Jesus Is First"

Colossians 1:15-20

Rev. Thomas Myrick

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