

GATHERING

Voluntary: In Thee is Gladness.....Dale Wood

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon
Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: Christ is ArisenHans Leo Hassler

† Processional Hymn No. 578.....Unser Herrscher
God of Love and God of Power

† Greeting.....Anita Peebles
Liturgist: *Let us gather this morning*
People: **to read Scripture and witness the word proclaimed.**
Liturgist: *Let us gather this morning*
People: **to remind ourselves that we are One in Christ.**
Liturgist: *Let us gather this morning*
People: **to tune our hearts to God's presence among us.**
Liturgist: *What is to prevent us from worshipping
in the presence of our God?*
People: **Nothing, for now is the time to worship the Holy One.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word and deed:
we have not loved you with all our heart
or served you with all our strength;
we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world
and deaf to your call to costly discipleship;
we have been indifferent to the suffering of others
and unwilling to forgive one another.
In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us,
that together in the ministry of Christ
we may serve you with joy all the days of our life.
Amen.**

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance

† Passing of the Peace
Liturgist: As a forgiven and reconciled people,
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Beth Howard
**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

A lesson from the New Testament.....(pew Bible, pages 892-893)
Acts 8:26-40

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71
*The children are invited to come forward during the singing
of the Gloria Patri to join Carol at the chancel.*

**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.**

(Please be seated.)

Sermon: Transformed by Inclusion.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Brandon Baxter

Salutation
Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)
**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.**

Ministry Moment.....Bill Farris and Danielle Beach

Offertory: We Walk By Faith.....Kenneth T. Kosche

We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear
From Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we believe him near.
We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
But in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.
That when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are with full and endless sight.
(Henry Alford, 1844)

† DoxologyNo. 94
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Commissioning of Hannah Johnsrud

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 571.....Lancashire
Go, Make of All Disciples

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Alleluia, Alleluia!.....Hans Leo Hassler

Voluntary: Tu es Petrus.....Henri Mulet
*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services
and worship events.*

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The altar flowers are given in memory of their parents,
Carolyn Montgomery Smith and W. Loyd Smith, and their brother,
Loyd A. Smith, by Monty Smith, Ricky Smith and Carol Stephenson.

Amos William Matheny, son of Nicolas Logan Matheny and
Leslee Nissing Matheny, will be presented for baptism at the 11:00 service.

