WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE  
* Fantasia and Chromatic Fugue  
Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION  
Beth Buchanan

INTROIT  
* Cantate Domino  
Psalm 149:1-2  
Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni

Cantate Domino canticum novum,  
Sing to the Lord a new song.  
Laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.  
his praise in the assembly of the saints.  
Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,  
Let Israel rejoice in He who made them,  
et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.  
and the people of Zion rejoice in their King.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ask and it will be given you; seek, and you will find;  
knock, and doors will be opened to you.  
Those who ask receive, and one who seeks finds,  
and to those who knock it will be opened.  
Come to praise the responsive love of God,  
who meets us in our need, where we are.  
We come, rejoicing in God’s presence with us  
and trusting God’s steadfast love to direct us.  
Seek the Holy Spirit to guide and protect;  
God will give the Spirit to those who ask.  
We who know how to give gifts to our children  
are confident of God’s gifts to us.

* Those who are able are requested to stand  
Please silence all electronic devices.
* INVOCATION PRAYER  
Willie Brown

Teach us to pray, loving God, that the longing of our hearts might find words, and the intent of our spirits result in faithful deeds. We would not dictate the manner of Your appearance among us, but would be alert and receptive to Your surprises. Prepare us in this hour for the joy of Your presence and the fullness of life You intend.

Amen.

* HYMN #39  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
FAITHFULNESS

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Are we sometimes enraged because God does not do things our way? Do we reject God’s children whose appearances or beliefs or practices differ from our own? Do we use power unfairly? Surely we have much to confess before the Ruler of the universe, as we seek forgiveness and newness of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ruler of all worlds, we have tried to take charge of the earth as if it were ours to destroy. We have devoured its resources, tricked others out of their rightful claims, and deceived ourselves into believing that our ways are just. We have fallen prey to human traditions and philosophies that deny the fullness of life in Christ. Our lives do not acknowledge the authority of Jesus Christ in our midst, for we choose to claim only those teachings we like and to practice only a few that are convenient and harmless. Forgive us, mighty God, and turn us from our destructive ways.

(moment of silent confession)

KYRIE ELEISON  
John Merbecke

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.
* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Buried with Christ in baptism, you have been raised with Christ through faith in the working of God, who raised Christ from the dead. God forgives our sin and makes us alive with Christ. God cancels the claims of the law against us, freeing us to accept newness of life. As we forgive those who are indebted to us we can realize the pardon God offers us. The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to God’s children who ask. Rejoice in your new life in the Spirit.

Alleluia and Amen!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

* GLORIA #581  

Glory be to the Father

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.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

All our wealth cannot buy the mercy and favor of God. Yet God is pleased to use our gifts to spread good news that love is at the heart of the universe. In grateful response to God’s love we bring our offerings of time and treasure, recognizing also the untapped talents we are called to invest in ministry.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY  

The Lord’s Prayer  

Albert Hay Malotte

Seth Hobi, soloist
* DOXOLOGY #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

For your healing love, for the goodly blessings we enjoy,
for life itself, we give thanks with these tokens of gratitude.
Dwell in us, that we may be moved to make all of life
an offering to Your steadfast love.
May we learn to give good gifts to all Your children
who need what we have to offer.
Multiply our efforts to be faithful as You add others to our family of faith,
in Christ’s name. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Francis P. Miller II

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life;
breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day.
Draw us into communion,
enable us to love,
conspire to make us one with You
for the world You so deeply love. Amen.

THE READINGS

Epistle

The Word of the Lord

Colossians 2:6-15

(Pg. 214 or LP Pg. 200)

Thanks be to God.
ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer; In the morning when I rise.
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
When my work on earth is done, And you come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory; And to hear You say, "Well done!"
Done with sin and sorrow. Have mercy. Mercy.

Gospel


(Pg. 74 or LP Pg. 72)

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Rev. Francis P. Miller II

“Poet, Prophet, Priest, Pastor”

* HYMN #465  

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

* HYMN #485  

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG
* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Take the good gifts of this hour into the world
to use in your own life and to share.

As the Holy Spirit has blessed us with new life,
we seek to be a blessing to others.

Receive God’s healing power day by day
as you take time for thought and prayers.

In the strength Christ gives we reach out
with love and forgiveness to our neighbors.

God grant you new life, today and always;
the steadfast love of God goes with you everywhere.

We receive all God’s gifts with joy
as we celebrate the glory and majesty of God.

* CHORAL RESPONSE  
* The Lord Bless You and Keep You  
Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.
Amen

ORGAN POSTLUDE  
* Prelude in G Major  
J. S. Bach
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