

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Loving God, in whose arms we have found our identity,
come among us to direct our faltering steps in the ways you would have us to.
Teach us to walk with Christ through the distractions
that beckon us in other directions.
Turn our vain striving into meaningful service,
our foolish greed to the fulfillment of sharing,
our confusion to clarity of vision, that we might worship you truly this hour.
Amen.

* HYMN #31

Let Us With a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Margaret Wetzler

What does God see within us and among us that we do not see?
Do you suppose that God is disappointed? frustrated? angry?
What defenses have we created to keep God out of our lives?
How have we turned away from the life God intends for us?
Now is the moment to come out of hiding, for God already knows where we are.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, our lives are far from holy.
The thoughts we have held in secret have erupted
into hurtful words and deeds.
We have not avoided lies and slander.
We have given in to pessimism and suspicion.
We resent people whose lives seem easier than our own.
We hate the thought of passing on to those less worthy of things
we have worked so hard to possess.
O God, we need your wisdom in order to live peacefully within ourselves.
Amen.

(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

God has invited all of us to strip off our old selves
to accept renewal in the image of our Creator.
Right here, right now, in the warmth of God's love, our greed is melting away,
our anger is finding constructive release, our despair is giving way to hope.
God delivers us from the folly of self-preoccupation
to joyous involvement in our Creator's "wonderful works to humankind."

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* GREATOREX
**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

Life does not consist in the abundance of our possessions.
All that we currently possess will someday belong to others.
We have the privilege in this life to do good with all that God has entrusted to us.
We bring a portion now to be blessed by God in the work of our church,
Christ's church, here and in other places.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Maurice Bevan

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow, by false limits of our own,
and we magnify His strictness with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands. Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

* DOXOLOGY #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

Margaret Wetzler

Help us, O God, to give enough of ourselves and our substance every day
that we will not be tempted to embrace the idolatry of greed.
We here dedicate not just our offerings, but all we possess,
to causes far greater than our own security.
Before all our attachments require "larger barns,"
help us to reflect on how they might better be used by others than stored by us.
Thank you for the abundant opportunity to share. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**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

Hebrew Scripture

[Hosea 11:1-11](#)

(Pg. 938 or LP Pg. 842)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee our souls aspiring
soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned.
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying round Thy throne.
Through the way where hope is guiding,
hark, what peaceful music rings.
Where the flock in Thee confiding,
drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own,
In the love of joys unknown.

Gospel

[Luke 12:13-21](#)

(Pg. 76 or LP Pg. 74)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"In God's Loving Arms"

* HYMN #187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

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 #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

God has made us rich in so many ways.

Now let us go out to find new ways to be rich toward God.

Let us show our thanks for God's steadfast love.

Praise God for wonderful works to humankind.

We are being renewed in the image of our Creator.

We differ in many ways, but Christ is all and in all.

We have been raised with Christ above earth's deceits.

We will set our minds on learning God's will for us.

God will take us up in loving arms when needed.

By God's kindness, we will be taught to walk.

We look to God for healing and renewed strength.

We seek to walk in the straight ways where God leads.

Amen. Amen.

* 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 *Choral & Allegro from Suite Gothique*

Léon Boëllmann

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