



Welcome!

Please remain masked at all times while indoors.

In Preparation for Worship

“When your trust is all but shattered/ When your faith is all but killed/ You can give up, bitter and battered/ Or you can slowly start to build/ A beautiful city.” - *Godspell, Steven Schwartz*

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Open My Eyes

Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us to go out...

People: **By faith, we trust that God is present in our journeying.**

Leader: When the road becomes unfamiliar...

People: **By faith, we follow where God leads.**

Leader: Though we travel far, we remain grounded by one another...

People: **By faith, we journey home, to worship God together.**

Hymn #435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day,
and offer the truth of our lives:

Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life and grace.

As we travel the road before us, help us find courage in unlikely places,

See the world with new and gracious eyes,

Enter into those places where love is needed,

Have faith that you are with us wherever we are on our journey.

Hear us now as we offer the prayers on our hearts...

(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Praise #608

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ezra 1:1-6; 3:1-3, 8-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story & Blessing of the Backpacks

Catherine Anne Thomas

Affirmation 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 Ghost, 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 on 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 Ghost;
 the holy catholic Church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Veni Creator Spiritus

James Biery

The Offering

Hymn #516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Benediction

Postlude

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in honor of Ellen & Bill Womack's 30th wedding anniversary.

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