

August 4, 2024

Service for the Lord's Day

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Prelude" & "Fugue No 15" in G Major BWV 885 from
Well Tempered Clavier Book 2 J.S.Bach
Gabrielle Yannotta, Piano

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

For now the winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth.

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

The time of singing has come; the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Join with all nature in manifold witness,

Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.

To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* C.G.Gläser

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up.

We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your

name, but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street.

Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that

hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower

us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

RESPONSE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN # 701 *Lord, Prepare Me* J.Thompson/R.Scruggs

PASSING OF PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Gracious God, we see as in a mirror dimly. Your Spirit offers clarity, wisdom and understanding. Open our eyes, that these many words of Scripture may bear witness to your true Word: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 1:17-27

SERMON

Limited Time Offer

Rev. Marcus C. Lambright

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Felix Mendelssohn

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*) -

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God's Creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords - areas in which we would not need justification or sanctification through him.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prelude Op. 3 No. 2 in C# Minor S. Rachmaninoff
Gabrielle Yannotta, Piano

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN # 606)

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Tomorrow, Sept. 2: Offices are closed for the holiday.

Tuesday & Wednesday, Sept 3 & 4, 9am - noon: Nursery School Staff Training

Wednesday, Sept 4, 7pm: Called Session Meeting - Memorial Room

Thursday, Sept 5, 6:30pm: Bell Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm: Chancel Choir - Choir Room

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- Sunday School begins!

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