

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

W.Bradbury/P.L.Harris

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN # 606)

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise. (*Pastor continues prayer*)

Sanctus (#559) *Holy, Holy, Holy*

M.Haugen

Breaking of Bread

Prayer After Communion

*CLOSING HYMN #673 *Jesus, Light of Joy*

J.Goss

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE (752) *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

J.L.Bell

POSTLUDE *Festive Piece*

D.Eliot

**Those who are able, please stand.*



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January 5, 2025 Service for the Lord's Day 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Quiet Peace* G.Perterson

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT (#707) *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* C.W.Lauder

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

Proclaim, give praise, and say 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

Among them many kinds of people, those with child and those in labor, together;

A great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back.

*OPENING HYMN #12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Welsh folk melody

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Redeem your world, O Lord. We lament the destruction caused by worldly rulers extending their power through force. We lament the ways that the tendrils of oppression have taken hold among your people, your creation.

Redeem your people, O Lord. Too often, we fail to act in ways that reflect your love. Too often, we fail to speak your truth. When it is easier for us to do nothing, help us act. When it is easier for us to say nothing, give us words to

speak. Turn us away from sin, liberate us from the grasp of oppression, and lead us towards new life in Christ. Amen.

RESPONSE (#735) *I Need Thee Every Hour* R.Lowry

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (#581) H.W.Greatorex

PASSING OF PEACE

FAMILY TEACHING MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

As we read and reflect on your Scriptures, O Lord, we pray that your Spirit will move among us so that we might hear your Word, your light shining in the darkness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 2:1-3

ANTHEM (162) *What Cheers?* W.Walton

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON Hallowed Rest Rev. Denise Carrell

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* J.Hughes

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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