

Gathering

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

All: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

One: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

All: That we may share God's love and life; that we may be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

One: The living Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

* HYMN 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

* HYMN 411

God Is Here Today

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you sow good seeds in the field to make the world blossom and grow, but we lay waste to your crop. We toss other seeds into the field that only choke the life you share. We pull up the weeds when the time is not right and destroy the good wheat in our world. And sometimes we would rather even destroy the whole field than claim the good crops that you have given us. Forgive us for tending your field with such carelessness and bad judgment. Show us your intentions for us and our world once again, and so open us to the good harvest that you share with us and all creation.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Hillig (8:00)

Ed Koster (11:00)

FIRST READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

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SERMON

Rev. Sanderford

Responding

* HYMN 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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WELCOME

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

* Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:00)

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.

Steve and Kasia Holden present their daughter, Anna Barbara Holden, born February 13, 2017, for baptism.

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Please refer to page 35 in Glory to God.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

See Communion Card

During the distribution, please join the soloist when indicated:

... Come to the table of ... This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

Sending

* HYMN 775

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* HYMN 80

You Shall Go Out with Joy

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**.

Musical leadership is provided by Rachel Barg and Yazid Gray, soloists.