
GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

arr. Paul Manz

*As the voluntary begins, let the time and the music help to center you for worship.***WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Rev. Rogers

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: For God so loved the world;

All: The sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish, and the people.

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: In success and failure,
in sickness and health,
in the mediocre and the extraordinary.**

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: Enough to become one of us,
enough to suffer along with us,
enough to offer new life for us.**

One: For God so loved the world;

All: Let us worship God!*** HYMN 436***God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

O QUANTA QUALIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Left: Because temptation is woven into the fabric of our lives,
and we know the weariness of forty days in the desert,
and the beckoning power of sweet fruit,
and the vain promises of the world,
we need you, God.

Right: We need you, God.

Left: Because we see the broken before the whole,
and the half empty cup, and the unfinished task,
and the thirst in freedom's quest,
we need you, God.

Right: We need you, God.

Left: Because we trust in what we can see,
and we are blinded by our prejudices,
and we do not know what we do not know,
we need you, God.

Right: We need you, God.

Left: Because our need for correctness exceeds our need for truth,
and our excuses preempt the cry of the wounded,
and our celebration of blessing is mindless of those displaced,
we need you, God.

All: We need you, God.

Left: Because you came among us,
and breathed into our sinewy souls,
and healed our pain and let us wound you,
and loved us to the end,
and triumphed over all our hatred,
we need you, God.

**All: We confess we need you, God. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of faithful service through Jesus Christ, our Savior. . .**

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

KYRIE ELEISON

Please listen as the cantor sings one time and then join in when indicated.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to greet one another with a sign of the peace God intends for us, saying "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you." (During this flu season, instead of handshakes we recommend passing the peace with fist bumps, elbows or peace signs.)

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

This is Stanza 1 of Hymn 444 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Strodman

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:15–17

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 3:16–17

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

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:1–10

The grass withers; the flower fades— **the word of our God endures forever.**

SERMON

Undead

Rev. Sanderford

RESPONDING

* HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Paul Manz

* **Doxology** 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.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *See Communion Card*

SENDING

* HYMN 165 *The Glory of These Forty Days* ERHALT UNS, HERR
Please sing Stanzas 1–3.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
**Then grant that we like them be true, consumed in fast and prayer with you;
Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.**
This is Stanza 4 of Hymn 165.

* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

* *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.
Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.