

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDER

Variations on an American Hymn Tune

Gordon Young

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Koenig-Reinke

FAITH IN ACTION

Fourth and Fifth Graders' Coat Drive

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are God's household, crafted by the architect of creation:

All: **our hearts a shelter for the outcast; our hands open to the stranger.**

One: We are God's people, created in the divine image:

All: **to tell others of God's love, to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.**

One: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

All: **chosen to serve the lost and lonely, gifted to minister to a hurting world.**

* HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Hear the brokenness of our lives, precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news.

Forgive us, our everlasting Lord, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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 God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

This is Hymn 581.

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheryl Gulbranson

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 1:17–27

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

SERMON

Rev. Parks-Piatt

∅∅ Responding ∅∅

*** HYMN 693**

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

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 COMMUNION

See Communion Card

∅∅ Sending ∅∅

*** HYMN 301**

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

Please sing stanzas 1–4.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Please sing stanza 5 of Hymn 301.

*** POSTLUDE**

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* 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**. Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.