

*CLOSING HYMN #515 *I Come with Joy*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *We are Called to Be God’s People by Franz Haydn arr. Stan Pethel*

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Ed Dyer
Ushers	Debbie Johnson, Debi Hess, Joleen Goens
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
Co Pastor	Rev. Kate Mauch

Bolded words are read by the congregation. *Indicates please stand as you are able.

Welcome: to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow slips which are on the table in the narthex and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.”

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

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Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *I Surrender All by Winfield Weeden arr. Roger House*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

INTROIT #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Sisters and brothers, let us gather together
with glad and generous hearts.
For many signs and wonders are being done among us.
Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.
Let us give what we can to all who have needs
so that all people, no matter who they are,
may regard us with good will.
Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.
For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

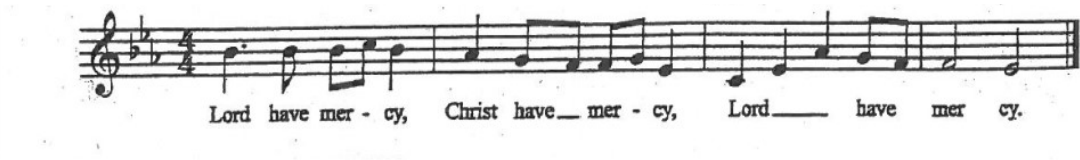
*OPENING HYMN #321 *The Church’s One Foundation*

CALL TO CONFESSION
Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ’s example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus’ name. Amen.

MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION *Let us sing to the Lord...*

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God’s fold, let us share our peace with one another.

SPECIAL MUSIC *There is a Redeemer by Melody Green arr. Michael Lawrence
Brandon Reese, saxophone*

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT *Children’s Sermon*

(The children will be dismissed to Children’s Church after the Children’s Moment.)

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Jesus Loves the Little Children*
Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Red, and yellow, black, and white, They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:42-47

SERMON *The Lord Added* *Rev. Kate Mauch*

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN #39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from Theological Declaration of Barmen*
Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

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 a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brothers and sisters in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely the property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Brothers and Sisters, our God has prepared a table before us and our cup overflows. So let us give generously from our common wealth, as our way of praising God and giving to those in need.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY *Sweet Hour of Prayer by William Bradbury
arr. Donald Marsh*

*DOXOLOGY Hymn #609
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy and generous God, you have anointed us and we are yours. Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471 (verse 1)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)

***OPENING HYMN #321**

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word;
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

***HYMN #39**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to
Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

***CLOSING HYMN #515**

I Come with Joy

I come with joy a child of God, forgiven, love, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
Alive and among us here.

Together met, together bound, by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one.