

***CLOSING HYMN #20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Take My Life and Let it Be by Louis Herold arr. Brent Edstrom

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	George Fraley
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

The Love of God by Frederick Lehman arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

INTROIT #757

Today We are Called to be Disciples

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Whether we embrace God’s call in our lives or try to avoid it,

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

We praise God’s name forever and ever!

***OPENING HYMN #32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

CALL TO CONFESSION

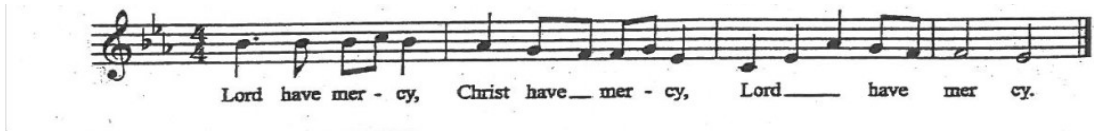
Because we do not always live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, we confess before God and one another our sins and shortcomings. In repentance, let us turn toward God’s grace and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. Amen.

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

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON
God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it. **God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *Many Gifts, One Spirit by Allen Pote*

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 #188 (verse 1) *Jesus Loves Me*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Gracious God, your Word surprises, challenges, upsets, and overturns our way of seeing and thinking. Come and find us today wherever we are, however we are. By the power of your Holy Spirit, cause that which is withering in us to blossom and that which is exacting in us to broaden until we see as you see, and thereby glimpse the kingdom you are bringing. In Christ’s name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1:26-31
Romans 5:12-17

SERMON *Who Are We?* *Rev. Kate Mauch*

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #25** *O Lord, Our God, How Excellent*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *—adapted Confession of Belhar, Sept. 1986*

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;
that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;
this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint;
that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God...
that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church....

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
Whether we have much or only a little, we can share our daily bread so that all will be fed. As we have received, so now we give, in the vineyard of the Lord, our tithes and offerings.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY *I Need Thee Every Hour by Robert Lowry arr. David Smither*

***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!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been given your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings and offerings, and do what you choose with what already belongs to you. In Christ’s name we pray. **Amen**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471 (verse 1)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)

***OPENING HYMN #32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne,
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

***HYMN #25**

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

O Lord, our God, how excellent,
How glorious is Your name.
Your majesty surrounds the earth,
And children sing Your fame.

The heavens, shout Your handi work;
We stand beneath in awe,
To think the One who made all things
Should care for us at all.

Yet You have made us less than gods,
Surpassing all but You,
With heart and mind, with strength and will,
To search for what is true.

Into our hands you've placed all things:
the earth, the sea; each place
We're called to probe for secret gifts
And venture into space.

O Lord, our God, how excellent,
How glorious is your name,
Majestic in your holiness.
We sing and praise your fame.

***CLOSING HYMN #20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.