

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude Patricia Hart

Greeting and Announcements Pastor Brenda

Interlude

☩ Call to Worship Elder, Bill Siebert, Liturgist

One: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

ALL: We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

One: Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

ALL: Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.

One: Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

ALL: Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness. Amen.

☩ Opening Song "Here In This Place" #401

☩ Prayer of Confession Liturgist

ALL: God of patience and mercy, we come to you, offering "lip service" to serving you, but when things get difficult; when we are called to do something which is hard for us, we shy away from the duty and the opportunity. We turn our back on service out of fear of failure. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples, not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

☩ Assurance of Forgiveness Liturgist

One: This day the Lord reaches out to you in healing love and compassion.

ALL: We receive the blessings which God offers us.

One: Be healed and made whole. Be ready to serve. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel –

ALL: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

☩ Indicates where those who are able may stand.

☩ Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist

ALL: Everlasting God, whose tenacious love holds us: make our hearts the house of your truth, and make our minds the realm of your wisdom so that our fellowship will become your dwelling place, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Psalm 1 Liturgist

One: This is the Word of The Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading Mark 9:30-37 Pastor Brenda

One: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord.

ALL: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Pastor Brenda

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

☪ Responsive Hymn "The Servant Song" #727

Offering with Offertory

☪ Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

☪ Prayer of Dedication Pastor Brenda

ALL: For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of time and labor embody our desire to share and contribute to your coming reign among us. Amen.

Moment for Mission

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. 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 THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD WITH THE WORD

☪ Closing Hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #547

☪ Benediction Pastor Brenda

☪ Response "May the God of Hope Go With Us" #765

Postlude Patricia Hart



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