

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude Patricia Hart

Greeting and Announcements Pastor Brenda

Interlude

☞ Call to Worship Elder, John Cherepko, Liturgist

One: Lift your eyes to the Lord whose throne is in heaven.

ALL: As we come before the Lord, we look to Him who gives us life.

One: Let us come into the house of the Lord.

ALL: And give him praise.

One: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

ALL: And give him praise! Amen.

☞ Opening Song "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #32

☞ Prayer of Confession Liturgist

ALL: Heavenly Father, our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, because we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves. We have refused to shoulder the troubles of others, and we have turned from our neighbors. We have ignored the pain of others, and passed by the hungry, the poor, the oppressed. O God, in your great mercy, forgive us our past sin, and free us from our selfishness, that we may choose to be salt on the earth, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

☞ Assurance of Forgiveness Liturgist

One: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith

ALL: we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

One: Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand,

ALL: and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Hope made sure by Jesus Christ.

One: 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: God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Psalm 124 Liturgist

One: This is the Word of The Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Sharing the Love" Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading Mark 9:38-50 Pastor Brenda

One: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord.

ALL: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection "This Life Is Salty" 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 #432
"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord?"

Offering with Offertory

☪ Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

☪ Prayer of Dedication Pastor Brenda
ALL: Gracious and Loving Father, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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 "Lift High the Cross" #826

☪ Benediction Pastor Brenda

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

Postlude Patricia Hart



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