

OPENING SENTENCES

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: **Who made heaven and earth.**

WELCOME

PRELUDE | Aria Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP | adapted from Psalm 124:8

One: In speaking, in silence
in movement, in stillness,

All: **God is with us.
God alone saves us.**

One: God alone helps us.
God alone sets us on the path of peace.

All: **Let us worship our Helper!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please stand at the end of the introduction to the hymn

+ **HYMN #35** | Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

+ **CALL TO CONFESSION**

+ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You rain down mercy upon us, yet we murmur in our discontent. You cast out the evil within us, yet we fling curses at others. Forgive us, God of grace. Call us home from wandering, deliver our souls from death, and cover us with your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

+ **RESPONSE #71** | Surely it is God Who Saves Me

**Surely it is God who saves me
I will trust in God and not be afraid
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense.
And God will be my savior. (repeat)**

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

(Children are invited to go upstairs to the nursery or Agape Kidz, for music and crafts.

All children are welcome to remain in the worship service too. We really do like having them around.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION | Stacey Torgerson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING | James 5:13-20

The Spirit speaks to the church today. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING | Mark 9:38-50

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON | Rev. Tara N. Reck

+ **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.

+ **HYMN #74** | When God Restored Our Common Life

SERVICE OF RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBER | Dale Shidemantle

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, we praise you for calling us to service in your name, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number this new friend in the faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit and so support one another that we will grow in faith, hope, and love, and be true disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF DISMISSAL | Bless Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 1)

*Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | Gayle Bonnarens

God of abundant grace, **Hear our prayer.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(EACM's September Needs: baby wipes, gravy, pasta/tomato sauce, canned greens, feminine hygiene products, cereal)

OFFERTORY | Teach Me O Lord David Hurd

+ **DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**



+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ **HYMN #754** | Help Us Accept Each Other

+ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Paul Manz

Our Concerns: Dee Hoge, Sally Stevenson (sister of Carol Blee), Sherry Sachritz (friend of Robert and Raj)

Prayer concerns will remain on our list for a month unless an update is provided to extend the request.

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