

OPENING SENTENCES

One: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

All: God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.

WELCOME

PRELUDE | Aria on Picardy

Michael Helman

CALL TO WORSHIP | from Psalm 24:7-10

One: Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;

All: and the King of glory shall come in.

One: "Who is this King of glory?"

All: "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."

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All: and the King of glory shall come in.

One: "Who is this King of glory?"

All: "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN #93 | Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept your gift of salvation to ourselves and ignored the needs of others. We have not trusted your guidance or followed your light. Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse us and restore us, so that we may reflect your glory and proclaim your salvation to all. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

+ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE #1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

SHARING THE 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 | Rachel Alexander

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING | Malachi 3:1-4 (Pew Bible, Old Testament p. 889)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+ HYMN #160 | A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING | Hebrews 2:14-18 (Pew Bible, New Testament p. 212)

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

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 2:22-40 (Pew Bible, New Testament p. 59)

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

SERMON | Dr. Robert L. Bozeman, Minister of Music

+ **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 #274** | You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | Suraj Alexander

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(EACM's needs: crackers, ramen noodles, peanut butter & jelly, spaghetti & sauce,
pancake mix & syrup, laundry detergent & pull up diapers size 4-5T)

OFFERTORY | Nunc Dimittis *from Washington Canticles*

David Hogan

+ **DOXOLOGY #609**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Give online:

Praise Christ, all people here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS/DEBTORS)**

**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 #545** | Song of Simeon: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | Toccata on Picardy

Michael Helman

Our Concerns: Rich Revell, Dee Hoge, Connie and Tom Knepshield, Jaymme Pedersen (friend of Mary Witherspoon), Tracy Gonzales, Lucy Martin

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

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