# Service for the Lord's Day November 17, 2019

## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** - Antiphon III.

M. Dupré

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT - Alleluia, Alleluia

South African

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - (Psalm 145:8-9)

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding

in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

\*HYMN 281 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know that you created us in love,

to enjoy this world and you,

to serve your creation and your children. And we know that we do not do your will. With clenched hands, we can neither give nor receive.

With eyes tightly shut, we cannot see pain or beauty.

With feet of clay, we cannot dance in joy or run to help.

We ask for your help and your power to change.

Open our hands and eyes and move our feet toward grace and hope and trust in you.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. \*\*

# \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting!

People: In Jesus Christ, God calls us by name, claims us in love, and brings us hope!

# \*ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE Hymn 473

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

#### \*PASSING OF PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The children have designated this year's children's offering for the **Heifer Project** and **Laundry Love**. If you want to contribute, we invite you to place your gifts in the baskets on the chancel steps as we greet one another this morning.

## THE PROCLAMATION

#### THE MOMENT WITH CHILDREN and CHILDREN'S OFFERING

#### 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.

\*or "Our Creator"

**ANTHEM -** Behold the Tabernacle of God

William Harris

**SCRIPTURE READING -** *Matthew* 14:22-43

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God** 

**SERMON -** We Can't Just Sit Around? Right?

Rev. J. Patrick Vaughn

#### THE SENDING

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** Come Thou Font of Every Blessing Traditional arr. L. Pfautsch

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- or –

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN 285 - God You Spin the Whirling Planets

\*BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** – Let the Giving of Thanks

John Bell

\*POSTLUDE

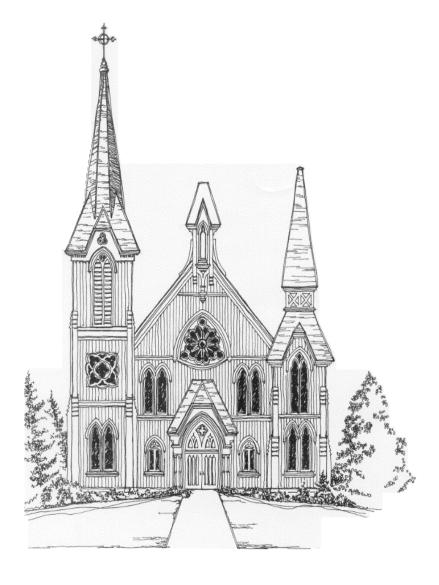
Trumpet Tune

C. S. Lang

The Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn, Pastor
The Rev. Heather Brown-Huston, Minister for Congregational Life
John Lettieri, Director of Music
Elyssa Michaels, Director of High School & Middle School Youth Groups
The Rev. Leslie Mott, Coordinator for Spirituality and Practice

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