

# Service for the Lord's Day

## September 8, 2019

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### THE GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

*Meditation*

C. M. Widor

#### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Psalm 118:24, 29)*

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

#### \*HYMN 467

*How Great Thou Art*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities.

Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace.

Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy.

May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, even Jesus the Christ. 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!**

#### \*ASCRPTION OF PRAISE Hymn 368

I've got love like a river, I've got love like a river,

I've got love like a river in my soul.

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#### \*PASSING OF PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### THE PROCLAMATION

#### THE MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

#### 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.**

**\*or "Our Creator"**

*Children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be dismissed to their Sunday Spirit Class.*

# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 25:14-30*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Extravagant Generosity* Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn

\*HYMN 391 *Take My Life*

## THE SENDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Basse et Dessus de Trompette* L. N. Clerambault

\* 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.**

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**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 420 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *The Heavens Declare* B. Marcello

*\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.*



*The Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn, Pastor*  
*The Rev. Heather Brown-Huston, Minister for Congregational Life*  
*John Lettieri, Director of Music*  
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*Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM*  
*Church School & Childcare 10:00 AM*

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