

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer (Please take a moment to prepare your heart for worship)

Prelude *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* Gerren/Bock

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship

L: There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.

P: **But there is only one Spirit.**

L: There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.

P: **But it is the same Lord we all serve.**

L: There are many activities we can do to serve God; teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work.

P: **But all these are activated by God.**

L: There are many manifestations of God’s Spirit in the world.

P: **It is impossible to list them all.**

L: To say that one is better than another is foolish.

P: **God gives to each as God chooses. Thanks be to God!**

***Hymn** *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”* PH#138

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, how we must try your patience! We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life. So we place ourselves at the center of our own universe. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith. Bring to us the light of joy and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

(Time of silence for personal confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

God’s love is continually poured out for us. Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion, dear ones. In Jesus’ name, we are forgiven! Amen.

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Gloria Patri** *“Glory Be to the Father”*

PH# 579

Chancel Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Heather Carter

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 61:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Luke 4:14-21

Sermon *“Attraction Rather Than Promotion”* Heather Carter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn** *“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”* PH#285

*Affirmation of Faith

Let us confess the faith of our baptism using the words of 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.

Prayers of the People As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering