

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

It is the aim of this church to present a religion as considerate of persons as the teaching of Jesus, as devoted to justice as the Old Testament prophets, as responsive to truth as science, as beautiful as art, as intimate as the home, and as indispensable as the air we breathe. For the achievement of this goal we bid you welcome, and invite your attendance, your prayers, your gifts, and your service.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission – Mary Fortune

PRELUDE

"Bachiana on an Ancient Chorale" Gordon Young

The Westminster Chimes and the Trinity Chime

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear God,
on those who hope in God's steadfast love.

People: Our soul waits for the Lord; God is our help and
shield. Our hearts are glad because we trust in
God's holy name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we
have put our hope in you. Let us worship God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You call us to become pilgrims, to follow you in a journey
by faith. We would find it easier to follow when not so much
is at stake. But you promise that you will be with us and
that our needs will be met. We cling to our possessions,
trusting in them for security.

You lead us into unfamiliar places, asking that we trust in your
will. O God, your way is challenging when we choose to be
complacent. You make great demands; we are anxious and
uncertain. Have mercy upon us and forgive our hesitant steps
toward the promise.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as
it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy
Kingdom come, they 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Numbers 21: 4-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 3: 1-17

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Born Again – Politics or Promise?"

***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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory

Anthem "On Eagles Wings with Be Thou My Vision"
Arr. Carol Tornquist

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN**

#37 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"May the Road Rise to Meet You" Lee Turner

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your
back, may the sun shine warmly on your face; May the
rain fall softly on your field; And until we meet again,
until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his
hand. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

"A Trumpet Fanfare" Gilbert M. Martin

*All who are able may stand.