

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymn 30 (vv. 1-2, 5-7)*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION *Proverbs 28:14*

PASTOR: Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but
whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN *Psalms 51:1, 9-12*

ALL: **Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN *In these moments,
we individually come to God in prayer,
silently confessing personal sins so that we may take
hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD *John 3:16-17*

PASTOR: *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have
eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world, but in order that the world might
be saved through him.*

* HYMN OF RESPONSE *Hymn 654 (vv. 1-3)*

O Jesus, I Have Promised

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE *Pastor David Rogers*

WORSHIPPING BY GIVING *(Sign, pass & return black pad
at the end of the aisle)*

◆ OFFERTORY *Choir*

“Let the People Give Thanks”
— by Joseph and Pamela Martin —

* PRAISING OUR GOD *Doxology (Hymn 731)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* DEDICATING OUR LIVES & GIFTS

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD *Ensemble & Congregation*

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you,
to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness;
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built,
and the earth is filled with your glory.

* SCRIPTURE READING *Elder David Schlimme
Page 818 in the pew Bible*

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

(Scripture text is on the back of the worship guide)

APPLYING GOD'S WORD *Rev. David Rogers*

“Jesus Christ—The Teacher with Authority”

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER *(Please hold the elements until everyone is served.
Please place used cups in baskets in the narthex after the service.)*

* RESPONDING IN SONG *Ensemble & Congregation*

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us: and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
torn for you: eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin,
shed for you: drink and remember
he drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So, we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering,
we proclaim: “Christ will come again!”
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n
around the table of the King.

* BENEDICTION *1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

PASTOR: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you
completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Brian Peacock*

Ensemble music: CCLI#89171
Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

* Congregation Please Stand

*If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian,
the pastor is available in the narthex after the service.*

