

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Meditation from Suite in G Minor

Domenico Zipoli

*Call to Worship

Bob Cureton, Church Treasurer

Leader: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy. Let us join our voices in giving thanks.

People: The works of God are all around us. Those who share in God's work lack for nothing.

Leader: We are called to faithfulness, as God is faithful. We are people of the covenant, gathered to please God.

People: Holy and awesome is God's name. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

Leader: Come, then, as wise and faithful people. Come as a beloved community of the redeemed.

People: We are amazed that God remembers us. We reach out to the God who cares for us.

*Hymn No. 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

God of steadfast love, your works delight our hearts and expand our thoughts. Your grace and mercy draw us together to praise you and to celebrate your wonderful deeds. Dwell among us today, and reign within the lives of each one gathered here, helping us to grow in discernment and understanding. Grant wisdom and courage that we may walk in your ways and keep your commandments. Amen.

Disciple Moment

Kit Adkins

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

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Psalter

Psalm 111

See insert

†Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Prayer to the Trinity

Michael Bedford

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Cherwein

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn No. 395

Take Time to Be Holy

Holiness

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

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.

*Gospel Lesson

John 6:51-58

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Make the Most of Your Time"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 539

O Spirit of the Living God

Forest Green

*Benediction

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Benediction Response No. 666

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*Postlude

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided