

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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Draw near to God, who has heard your complaining. Come in the name of Jesus, who understands your needs.

People: We have received manna in the wilderness. We have been offered the bread of life.

Leader: Open yourselves to God's steadfast love. Be honest with the holy one who knows all you do.

People: We are judged according to our deeds. Our secret sins are known to God.

Leader: The Holy Spirit has come to restore your joy. God's presence is real to those who accept God's gift.

People: Whoever comes to Jesus will not be hungry. Whoever trusts in Christ will never be thirsty.

***Hymn No. 85**

We Believe in One True God

Ratisbon

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

We hear you calling us, loving God, to a life of humility, gentleness, and patience. Keep your call before us in this hour that we may recognize and celebrate our oneness in Jesus Christ. May your Spirit unite us in the bond of peace. Speak to us of the Savior, who bore humanity's shame that we might learn to bear one another in love. Draw us to a common faith, in spite of our differences. Lead us into new depths of trust beyond our knowing, and along new pathways of service outdistancing our fears. Amen.

†Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

Wells

***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.

***Hymn No. 521**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Sojourner

Sermon

“Cracks in the Armor”

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Anthem

Thee We Adore

Ralph Johnson

The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 12

INVITATION

THE PEACE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical Setting A – page 17)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(All are welcome to share in communion served by Intinction. Please come forward using the center aisle as directed by the ushers. After receiving the elements, you are invited to the altar rail for prayer, commitment, recommitment to Christ, confession and comfort, or you may return to your seat using the side aisles.)

***Hymn No. 561**

Jesus, United by Thy Grace

St. Agnes

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