

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

Adagio

Antonio Vivaldi

***Call to Worship**

Marilyn Murphy, United Methodist Women President

Leader: Wait for God, who deals gently with us. Watch for God's appearance among us.

People: Out of the depths we cry to God. Will God hear the voice of our supplication?

Leader: In all times and places, we can rely on God. We can know steadfast love, here and now.

People: We keep our morning watch together. We will support one another as we seek to know God.

Leader: Find hope in God's power to redeem us. Give thanks for the new day God promises to us.

People: Life's battles cannot destroy us. The losses we suffer are not the last word.***Hymn No. 173***Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Ratisbon

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

We come to you, holy God, with our many needs. Some of us are people in authority with weighty decisions to make. Some of us are fighting battles we cannot win. Some have faced unexpected losses that tear at the very fabric of life. There are broken relationships among us, feelings we do not want to admit, realities we do not want to face. There are also joys we have not really celebrated, reasons to give thanks to which we have never given voice. We come, O God, to be lifted out of our ruts and routines, seeking instead to find fullness of life with you. Amen.

Disciple Moment

John Redfern

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Pages 363 & 364 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalter No. 848

Psalm 130

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

Page 237 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Chancel Choir

Dale Wood

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Aria Tranquillo

Antonio Vivaldi

Doxology No. 94Praise 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

Susan Pinckney

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. 172

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Gordon

*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 6:35, 41-51 Pages 119 & 120 (NT) in pew Bibles
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Jesus of Legend" The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Cwm Rhondda

*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