

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude “Divertissement 1 in G, by Huellmandel” Zoe Vandermeer

Welcome & News [Please refer to the bulletin insert for “Our Life in Community” news, and do share it with your family and friends.]

✠ **Opening Hymn #400** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON

✠ Call to Worship

In awe, we come into the presence of our Generous God
God's arms reach down and gather up creation, lovingly placing us in grace's arms.

In joy, we reach up to the God who loves us completely.
*God's Spirit fills our lungs, so we can sing our gratitude,
and cry out for justice for the broken, the young, the old, the abandoned of our time.*

In service, we join Jesus and our siblings in faith to be hope in our world.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Alex

מוֹדָה אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךָ, מֶלֶךְ חַי וְקַיִם,
שֶׁהַחַיִּוּת בִּי נִשְׁמָתִי בְּחַמְלָה, רַבָּה אֲמוּנָתְךָ.

I gratefully thank You, O living and eternal King,
for You have returned my soul within me, with compassion. Abundant is Your Faithfulness.

Anthem “Alleluia, Song of Gladness, by Beryl Vick, Jr.”

Prayers of the People & LORD's Prayer

In you, gracious God, the widowed find a care-giver, the orphaned find a parent,
the fearful find a friend. In you...

[prayers of the people are lifted up...]

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Hymn #405 “Seek Ye First” SEEK YE

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Pat Tripp

O God in whose grace is all that we need.

*O Christ in whose heart is both welcome and warning,
say to us, do to us, reveal within us the things that will make us whole.
And we will learn, and will live it out; and we will praise You. Amen.*

✠ **Gospel Reading** “Mark 12:38-44” [NRSV] Pat Tripp

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Pastor Alex

[Congregation Sings “Jesus Loves Me” as children proceed to Sunday School.]

Reflecting on God's Message Pastor Alex

✠ **Hymn of Response #581** “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” BEACH SPRING

Invitation to Offering

Offering of Tithes & Gifts “Give Thanks” Henry Smith Arr. by Peggy Bettcher Handbell Choir

✠ **Doxology TFWS #2036** “Give Thanks”

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son, (2x)
And now let the weak say “I am strong”; let the poor say,
“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” (2x) Give thanks! (2x)*

Offertory Prayer

GOING FORTH

✠ **Closing Hymn #430** “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” MARYTON

Commission, Benediction & Passing of the Peace [based on Numbers 6, Romans 15, Mark 12]

Led by the Holy Spirit in the ways of humble generosity,
we shall enact our faith as we serve our God in patience and passion;
steadfast in Christ's love.

*We go in peace to learn from those who give from their scarcity,
challenging us to offer our abundance to those in need.*

May God bless you and keep you; may God's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
may Jesus fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in faith and hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Postlude “Divertissement 2 in B^b by Huellmandel” Zoe Vandermeer