



***The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

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*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:

The wisdom from above calls to us—
calling us to peace and gentleness, kindness and mercy, goodness and service.

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Ed

Introit "Jesu. Jesu" (Verses 1, 3 & 4) Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** Mary Prause

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

As we come into God's presence, the Spirit is speaking words of wisdom.

The Spirit calls us to kindness and peace.

Wisdom calls us to service and love.

***Opening Prayer**

Servant God, humble our hearts and quiet our minds, that we may reflect your servant heart in everything we say and do.

Plant your wisdom in our lives, that we might live your teachings and bear fruit at just the right time.

With humble hearts, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Lord I want to be a Christian" #402

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Pastor Ed

Children's Message Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession Mary Prause

Servant God, humble our hearts, even when we are proud.

Call us back to service and love, even when our focus is lost in the pursuit of power and prestige

Remind us to be childlike in faith and to be faithful as your children.

Cover us with your grace and unify us in your peace, \that we may embrace your wisdom from above and your humility from below. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response "God of the bible (v1,2&5)" #3020

1st Reading James 3:13-4:3 & 4:7-8 Mary Prause

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. **4** Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

(Musical Interlude)

***Gospel Reading** Mark 9: 30-37 Mary Prause

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; **31** for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." **32** But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Who Is the Greatest?

33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" **34** But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. **35** He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." **36** Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, **37** "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Reflecting on God's Message Cranky Old Hank Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People

Invitation of the Offering musical selection by Harlan Otter

Offertory Anthem "The Beauty of Thy Love" Chancel Choir

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offering Prayer Pastor Ed

God of love and service, we thank you for loving and serving us through the grace of your Son, Christ Jesus.

Bless these gifts, that others may be loved and served in our giving.

Bless our lives, that we may love and serve one another as you have loved and served us.

In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Sending Hymn "Make Me A Captive Lord (v1,2&4)" #421

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

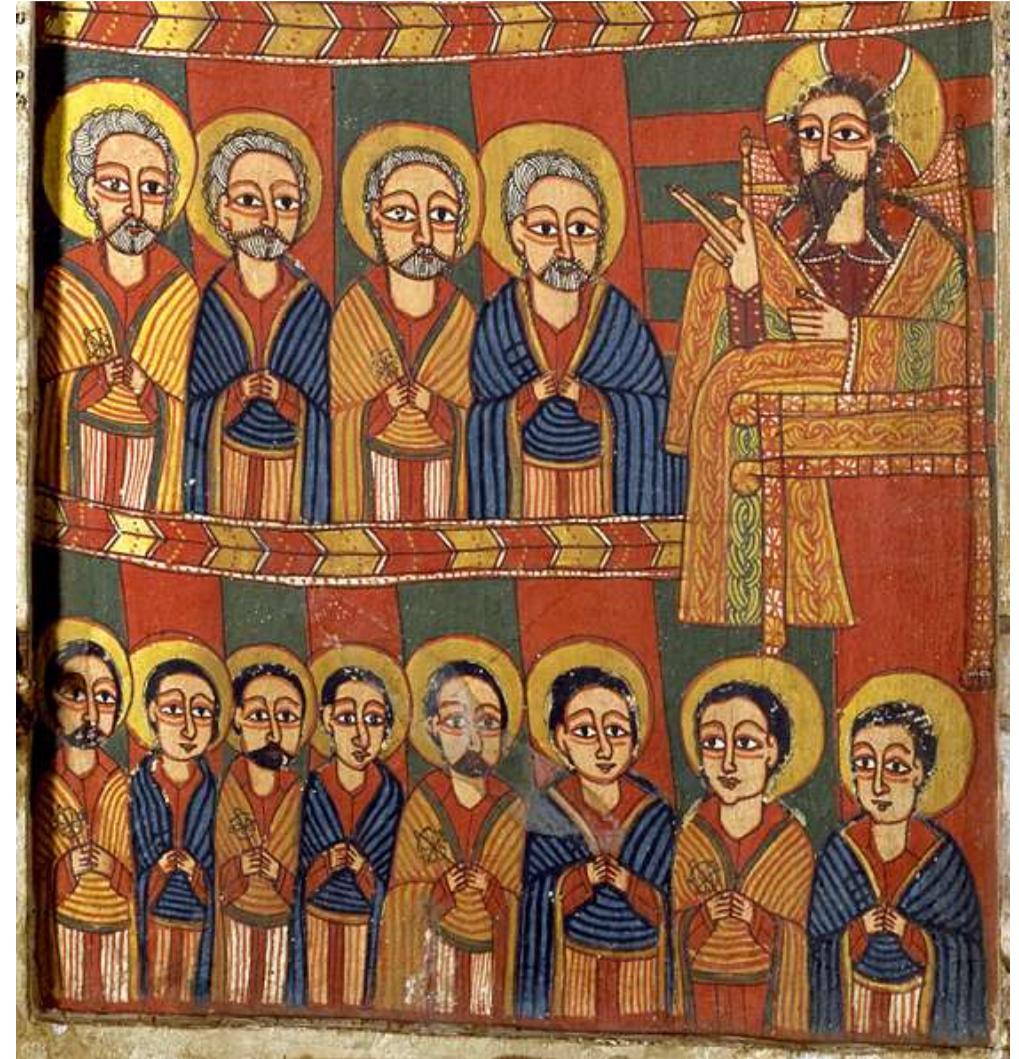
Postlude Harlan Otter

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***You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.***

Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!

***Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status,
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.***