



PRELUDE

First Arabesque

C. Debussy

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel)

Holy God, hear our prayer:
for the mending of our hearts,
torn apart by our unkindness;
for the healing of our souls,
wasting away from the despair around us;
for the forgiveness we seek
for sin we have allowed to persist;
for the reconciliation of the world,
whose division threatens to consume us;
we pray for the courage to admit our fault,
the strength to amend our actions,
and the hope that your grace awaits us.
Through Christ we pray.
Amen.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

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.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 29:15-28

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

(from Sandra Lucas)

One: Loving God,

Many: Help us,

One: to focus on what we have,
not on what is removed or changed.

Many: Strengthen us,

One: when we feel discouraged or overwhelmed.

Many: Embrace us,

One: so that we know your loving presence
within us and among us.

**All: Walk with us as we bring your love,
and carry your light, into our world.**

Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#31 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#72 Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Kathy Brown

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Falling to Heaven

C. Blevins

***Doxology**

**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.**

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#712 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ASH GROVE

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Organ Benediction**

God Be With You

GOD BE WITH YOU

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

***POSTLUDE**

Ye Watchers & Ye Holy Ones

D. Paxton

***Please stand, as you are able.**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

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Guest Preacher - Kathy Brown

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