The Church at Worship

* Invitation to stand if able

Congregational responses are **BOLDED**

Prelude Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing arr. Michael Cox



Welcome/Life of the Fellowship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit Where Two or Three Are Gathered Bruce Harding

Together, We Come to God

Call to Worship

We may have been scattered, yet once more, we gather here.

We may be strangers, yet here we are friends.

We may be broken, yet here we may find healing.

We rediscover, with awe and wonder, the promise:

where two or three are gathered,

Christ is in our midst.

Let us praise God, Creator Redeemer, Sustainer!

Hymn #410 Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Opening Prayer

Bringer of all joy, you have called unto yourself a people, the family of Christ Jesus.

May we know your nearer presence this day in story, in the breaking of bread, in singing and in prayer.

May your spirit so fill us with your love that we may love not only those close to us but also those far away.

As you have blessed us, may we be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





God Speaks to Us

Scripture Readings Hebrew Bible Exodus 10:7-14

*Hymn (Insert) Psalm 149

Musical Reflection All Things Bright and Beautiful John Rutter

Epistle Reading Romans 13:8-14

Children's Time Under the Same Sky by Britta Teckentrup

Bible Quest invitation Hymn # **625** Seek ye first vs 1

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu Alleluia

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon Forgiven, Loved, and Free Rev. Paula Papky

We Respond to God

*Hymn #661 We give thee but thine own vs 1

Blessing of the Offering

We Meet at the Lord's Table

* Communion Hymn #530 / come with joy v.1-3 We share the Bread and Cup

... Therefore with angels and archangels, and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

...Remembering Christ's death and resurrection, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Communion Music Pange Lingua arr. Kevin Sadowski

- * Communion Hymn #530 | Come With Joy v. 4-5 | Pastoral Prayer
- * Closing Hymn #371 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- * Benediction
- *Sung Blessing



Postlude

Invention No. 8 for Keyboard

J.S. Bach

Go into the world with God's blessings

THANK YOU to all the people who offer, freely, their time and talent without whom today's worship service would not be possible.

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Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

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