

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Shall Dream Dreams* Clay Christiansen

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* **UNISON INTROIT** (Hymn 309, v. 1)
*Come, great God of all the ages; make your loving presence known.
Speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.
Guide your church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask.
Fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.*

* **OPENING SENTENCES** (Ps. 116 and Romans 12:11) Beverly Whitmore
How shall we respond to the Lord for all the good things God has done?
We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
And so I appeal to you, as Christ’s beloved ones and in the mercies of God: present
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.
Come Holy Spirit, surround us with divine light and grace. Alleluia. Amen.

* **HYMN 504** “We Come as Guests Invited” WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

* **ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**
Beloved in Christ: God is with us!
We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION
Holy God, before a word is on our lips, you know our thoughts and the intentions of
our hearts. Nothing is hidden from you. Therefore, we confess our need of your grace
and healing. Where we have failed to love you above all else, and to love neighbors as
we love ourselves, we ask your forgiveness, O Lord. For clinging to old resentments,
and failing to forgive as we have been forgiven, we ask your forgiveness. And for
words of gossip and failures to hold confidences, have mercy on us, O God, according
to your loving kindness and tender mercies. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Colossians 3:12-17 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.201)

ANTHEM “*Fairest Lord Jesus*” Joseph A. Seiss
Schlesiseche Volkslieder arr. Victor Labenski
Cynthia Holzheimer, piano

* **GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 12:1-3 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.74)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 187)
*Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for your use our souls prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
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SERMON “The Stewardship of Personal Information” Dr. Butler
“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in harmony.”

WE PRAY AND GATHER AT THE LORD’S TABLE

* **HYMN 727** “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” SERVANT SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Ricercare per Organo* Floriano Arresti

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(see insert)*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN 722** “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” CANONBURY

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Toccata in e* Johann Pachelbel
The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

10 a.m.
