

WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

GATHERING MUSIC *The Day is So Full of Joy* Johann Sebastian Bach

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

* UNISON INTROIT (Hymn 1, v.1)
*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty. Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty. God in three persons—Blessed Trinity.*

* OPENING SENTENCES Joel Egertson
May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Jesus said: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.
For I am gentle and humble in heart. You will find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11:9)

* HYMN 39 “Great is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS

* 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, from ages past you have spoken through your prophets, making clear what you require of us—to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly before you. In your presence, and in the company of our family in faith, we confess that we do not always seek you above all else or love neighbors as we love ourselves. Open the eyes and ears of our hearts so that we will recognize our failing, seek your grace, and resolve to do what you require, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 58:6-14 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.688)

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Open My Eyes, That I May See* Clara Scott/arr. Dick Bolks

* GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:10-17 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.76)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 409, v. 3)
*Here, our children find a welcome, in the Shepherd’s flock and fold.
Here, are table, font, and pulpit; here, the cross has central place.
Here, the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore,
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

SERMON “When ‘Binding Ties’ Are Not Blessed” Dr. Butler
“Shouldn’t this daughter of Abrahman be set free from her bondage?”

WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS

* HYMN 182 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” KINGSFOLD

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 *Prelude No. K 243* Toraji Ohnaka

* DOXOLOGY
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN 306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” DENNIS

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC *Toccata in G Major* William Hieronymous 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
The Revs. Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

10 a.m.
