

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Toccata per le levatione* Girolamo Frescobaldi
From *Messa delli Apostoli, Fiori Musicali*

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

* UNISON INTROIT
*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.*

* GREETING AND OPENING RESPONSES Joel Egertson
Grace and peace to you, from God the Creator, and Jesus Christ our Lord.
May peace rest upon us and this house of prayer.
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God’s mercies never end.
They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

* HYMN 664 “Morning Has Broken” BUNESSAN

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

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION
You know us through and through, Lord. You know when we have been faithful and how we have failed. We do not always love you with all our heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. We have not forgiven as we have been forgiven. We ask for your forgiveness and the grace that will help us to forgive ourselves and begin again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 51:1-3 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.681)

SOLO "Give Me Jesus"
Abraham Roos, solo arranged by Mark Hayes

* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:13-20 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.18)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING BEECH SPRING
*Do not miss the faith of children, who have questions deep inside.
For to them belongs the kingdom; wonder with them, be their guide.
Jesus, as we hear your blessing for the ones you welcomed in,
May our deeds reflect your caring as we welcome them again.*

SERMON “What Do You Say?” Dr. Butler
“Jesus asked the disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN 462 “I Love to Tell the Story” HANKEY

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 *Lord Jesus Christ, True Man and God* Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

* **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**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN 377** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” HOUSTON

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Toccata in C* Johann Gottfried Walther

* *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.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026
10 a.m.
