

**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, forever. Amen**

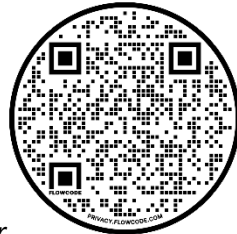
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***Sending Forth**
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**Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

Postlude Allegro Maestoso (from Sonata No. 3) - Felix Mendelssohn
Galina Brauer, organist

Dr. Stephen Wurst, Dir. of Music Ministries and Organist
Dr. Giovanni Corrodus, Assoc. Dir. of Music Ministries and Director of
Choirs
Galina Brauer, Organ Scholar



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***Affirmation of Faith # 883**
Wendi Neal

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our

hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Response # 405** Seek Ye First
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,

and all these things will be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Recognition of 90 year olds/Acolyte Dedication

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Wendi Neal and Rockford

Congregational Prayer

Wendi Neal

Children's Time

Chris Oehrlein



Children's worship for grades K-5 will dismiss following the children's message at the 11:00 service.

Parents, please pick your children up in the 3rd floor children's area following the service.

***Hymn # 617**

I Come with Joy

***Invitation to Our Offering**

Wendi Neal

Anthem (8:30) Great Day! - arr. Howard Helvey

soloist

Carlie Pool,

(Text: Great day! Great day, the righteous marching; Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's walls!

Chariot rode on the mountain top, my God spoke and the chariot did stop, (refrain)

This is the day of jubilee, the Lord has set His people free (refrain)

(11:00) Ain'-a That Good News! - William Dawson

Chancel Choir

*(Text: I got a crown (robe, Savior) up in-a that kingdom, Ain'-a that good news!
I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross.
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news!)*

***Doxology # 94**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon

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What's In Your Backpack?- Zesty Enthusiasm

Romans 12:11

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Unison Prayer of Confession — *posted by Teri on the RevGalPrayerPals A Place for Prayer blog*

O God, you who are always doing a new thing,

we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas,

against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change.

God of every place and time,

we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different,

against world news or community concerns.

Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our exclusive churches,

the security systems on our hearts.

Open up our lives and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Hear the Good News: Christ died for our sins while we were yet sinners.

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

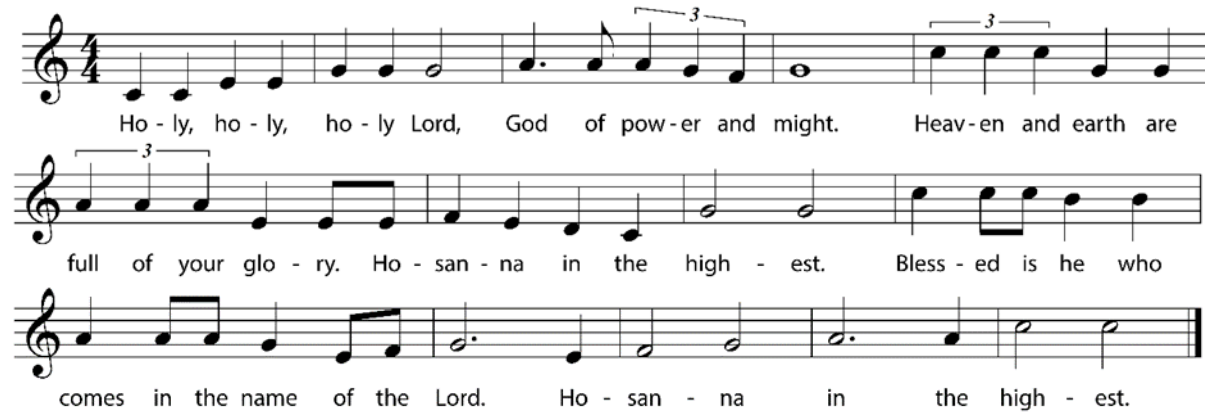
All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



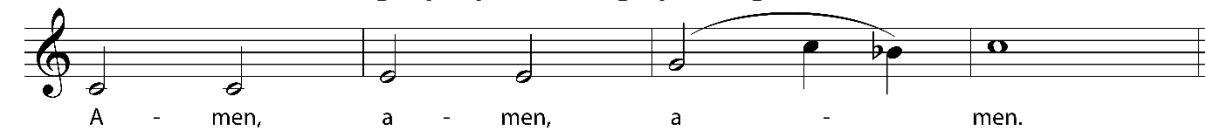
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

...And so, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

...All honor and glory is yours, almighty, loving God, now and forever:



A - men, a - men, a - men.