

*Song of Gathering

“This Is the Day”

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**This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord hath made,
That the Lord hath made.
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day
That the Lord hath made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord hath made.**

Welcome and Announcements

Rick Schlee

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

“Blessed Assurance”

Dr. Kristie Janczyk

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*Call to Worship

L: Family of God, who are you?

P: We are disciples formed in the image of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

L: Family of God, how does Jesus form you?

P: By loving us and showing us how to love.

L: Family of God, how does the Holy Spirit empower you?

P: By loving us and inspiring us to love others as Christ loves us.

L: Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

**P: We come to worship God, who shows us how to love and calls us to boldly love God and neighbor, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world.
Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;**

**visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

***We Affirm Our Faith**

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,**

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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.**

***Glory Be to the Father**
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**Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be.
World, without end, Amen, Amen!**

Prayers of the People

Congregational Call to Prayer “Ubi Caritas” TFWS 2179
By Jacques Berthier, © 1979, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent; OneLicense #A-739344 Sing 2 times

Please sing first in Latin, then in English

Ubi caritas et amor Oo-bee car-ee-toss ā ah-more
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est. Oo-bee car-ee-toss Day-us ee-bee ěst

**Live in charity and steadfast love,
Live in charity, God will dwell with you.**

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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**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!**

Anthem “Sing, O Heavens” Chancel Choir
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Scripture Reading Leviticus 19:9-18
L: Word of God, word of life!
P: **Thanks be to God!**

Song of Preparation

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

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Verses 1, 2

African American Spiritual, adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith;

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**Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.**

**In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.**

**In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart.**

Message

“Building a Strong Foundation”

Rev. Lauren Ekdahl

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“His Eye is in the Sparrow”

Dr. Kristie Janczyk

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**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!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Gracious Commander of Love, you have taught us what love looks like, and you have commanded us to live it. In a world that rewards fear and self-interest, you call us to give boldly, to serve generously, and to risk loving with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Receive these offerings as signs of our obedience and as seeds of a kingdom where welcome is wide, grace is abundant, and love never holds back. We give, not

**from obligation, but from the joy of being shaped by your love. In Christ's name,
Amen**

***Song of Response**

"I Surrender All"

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**All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.**

Refrain

**I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now. *(Refrain)***

**All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that thou art mine. *(Refrain)***

**All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me. *(Refrain)***

**All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory, to his name! *(Refrain)***

***Blessing**

***Music for Going Forth**

Dr. Kristie Janczyk

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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