

Prelude Largo --Charles Tournemire

Life in the Church Rev. Dr. Debra J. K. Bronkema

Introit "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
--Scottish Trad./J.S. Irvine

Call to Worship

Leader: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: **We have gathered to hear the story of God and God's people.**

Leader: It is a story of God's mercy and steadfast love.

People: **It is our story, for we are God's people.**

Leader: Everything that fills our souls with gladness and light is a gift from the loving Creator.

All: **Inspire us, our God, to faithfulness, to mercy, to steadfast love. Let us become a people who reflect your image.**

*Hymn of Praise #489 in the hymnal
"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

*Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Powerful, gentle God, you can take desert waste and make it into fruitful land. We need your power to change life. Too often we forget to live thankful lives, and we get bogged down in self-pity and blame. Empower us, God. Help us to feel your Spirit changing us, each day, that our lives may be full and glowing in your love. Through the Spirit, whose breath sustains us, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

All who are able, please stand.

*Congregational Response #603 in the hymnal – verse 2
"Song of Simeon"

This is the Savior of the world, The Gentiles' promised light, God's glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.

*The Peace

Anthem "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"
--Charlotte Elliott/W.B. Bradbury

Children's Sermon

A Lesson from Psalm 80:14-19 (OT Pg. 541)

Hymn of the Day #339 in the hymnal
"Be Thou My Vision"

Sermon "In the Cloud"
Hebrews 12:1-2 (NT pg. 226)

Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in
the one triune God, the Holy One of
Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place,
We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate
Us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**
Excerpted from a Brief Statement of Faith

Offering God Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology, #592 in the hymnal

*Prayer of Dedication

Call to Prayer "Sanctuary" Words and Music:

John W. Thompson and Randy L. Scruggs

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true:
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for You.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (saying 'debts')
Page 16 in the hymnal "The Lord's Prayer" (traditional)
listed under "Aids to Worship"

*Closing Hymn #526 in the hymnal
"For All the Saints"

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Amen"

Postlude Andante --J.L. Krebs

To see the bulletin, insert for this week, including prayer list and
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