



Service for the Lord's Day

September 17, 2017

Prelude "Retrospection" (from *Songs without Words*) - Felix Mendelssohn

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

Introit "Blessed Jesus, At Your Word" --Words: Clausnitzer/Music: Ahle

Call to Worship

Unison: In this moment, gracious God, you have called us away from the world to a place and a time where we can commune with you and with one another. Open us to the reality of your all-embracing love, both in this place and in the wider world. May we, by our words and actions, be bearers of your kingdom, in the name and Spirit of the Christ. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #464 in the hymnal

*Opening Prayer

Call and Prayer of Confession

Lord,

your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives,

your forgiveness is boundless in mercy

when we fail to live in Christlike ways.

And yet, we are quick to carry a grudge -

quick to find fault,

quick to assign blame,

quick to harden our hearts toward others.

Set us apart, loving God,

to extend and model the grace you have shown us

by offering grace to others.

We pray in the name of the One who died

so that we might fully live. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response "Amazing Grace" #280 in the hymnal - verse 1

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

*The Peace

Anthem "O Thou, from Whom All Blessings Come" -Frederick Wright/Tchaikovsky

O Thou, from whom all blessings come,

thanks to Thee o'erflow, Gracious God!

We cry unto Thee!

Forgive our sins, O Lord our God!

Hear us, Lord!

Children's Sermon

A Lesson from

Psalm 103:8-13 (OT pg. 554)

Hymn of the Day

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

#366 in the hymnal

Sermon

"Forgive From the Heart"

Matthew 18:21-35 (NT pg. 20)

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

"Come and Fill our Hearts"

Come and fill our hearts

With your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts

With your peace.

Alleluia!

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (saying 'debts')

*Closing Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#387 in the hymnal

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

Amen

Postlude

"Faith" (from *Songs without Words*)

--Felix Mendelssohn

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