

THE PEOPLE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC & THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Sarah Melville, Greeting Elder

Please Stand And Greet Your Neighbors!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Jeanne-Minette Cilliers, Director of Music

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Let us worship God with our hearts and our souls and our minds!

Many: Let us know love for one another, for Christ, and for all the world.

One: Let us proclaim God's glory as we take Christ's love to the world.

Many: Let us share the love of God in all that we do wherever we go.

One: Let us lift our hearts in praise and song
for God's mercy and grace.

Many: And share our own selves with each other and the world.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION FOR THE INDWELLING OF THE SPIRIT

* SACRED MUSIC #757 "Today We Are All Called To Be Disciples" NPH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Generous God, we have been greedy and selfish with the things of this world and even with the love you have poured out among us. We have viewed the life around us through the narrow focus of our own immediate self-interest, without awareness of people who are used and abused as we grab for what we want. O God, test our hearts, turn us from our unconscious distortions and our conscious deceits, and bring us to fuller acceptance of your life-changing forgiveness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

* PROFESSION OF FAITH (Unison) **Apostles' Creed** (Inside Cover of the Hymnal)

* GLORIA PATRI (Unison) #581 NPH

* THE PEACE (Response: "And also with you.")



PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

(Children May Leave For Church School After)

ANTHEM

SERMON

"Very Dear To Us: John The Bagman"

Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* SACRED MUSIC #36 "For the Fruit of All Creation" NPH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

(Wave to your neighbors, and those joining via the live-stream.)

OFFERING

(Offerings may be placed in the collection basket at the top of the stairs
as you exit the sanctuary following worship.)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER

(Debts & Debtors; Inside Cover of the Hymnal.)

* DOXOLOGY (Unison, Inside Cover of the Hymnal.)

* SACRED MUSIC #761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" NPH

* CHARGE & BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION (Seated)

POSTLUDE

HaEun Yang, Pianist

* Congregation standing; as each person desires.

*Following the worship service everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall
for conversation and a light repast.*



PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer Al and Rita Ostrander, Donna Doig, Vern and Arvilla Aldous, Ellen and Rich Grayson, Mark and Nancey Brackett, Betsy Robinson, Lauren Compton, Bev and Jerry Findley, Bob Fraser, Mark and Nancy Brown, Carolyn O'Connor, Lew Shepard (and Mark), Marilyn Coir, Christa Lyon, Rich Denison, Colleen Grant, Janet Favro, and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; those serving our nation and their families who support them; parents raising children and children caring for parents.

Director of Music: Jeanne-Minette Cilliers
Pianist: HaEun Yang
Church School Director: Ashley Meade
Congregational Coordinator: Linda Potter
Office Coordinator: Marcia Bradley

The password for our church wifi network is: Lakew00d4331a

AT OUR CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sunday 10/25/26 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10:00 a.m.)
- **Come in Costume Sunday**
- Seconds for Stewardship
- The "Dreaded" Stewardship Sermon
Monday 10/26/26 - Session Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
Tuesday 10/27/26 - Evening Book Group (7:00 p.m. Lorna's Lounge)
Thursday 10/29/26 - Choir Practice (7:00 p.m. Choir Room)
Sunday 11/01/26 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10:00 a.m.)

Birthdays: Mary Kelly, Cati Gollinger (Sunday);
Kelly Davis (Monday)

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick & the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
Praise Him (God) all creatures here below.
Praise Him (God) above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father (Creator), Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.

1Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters,
that our coming to you was not in vain,
but though we had already suffered
and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know,
we had courage in our God to declare to you
the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.

For our appeal does not spring from deceit
or impure motives or trickery,
but just as we have been approved by God
to be entrusted with the message of the gospel,
even so we speak, not to please mortals,
but to please God who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness,
we never came with words of flattery
or with a pretext for greed;
nor did we seek praise from mortals,
whether from you or from others,
though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.

But we were gentle among you,
like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.

So deeply do we care for you
that we are determined to share with you
not only the gospel of God but also our own selves,
because you have become very dear to us.