9:00 a.m. ***Devotional Service*** *January 9, 2022*

Welcome to the 9:00 a.m. Devotional Service. Together, may we rejoice and give thanks for God's loving grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Welcome and Life in the Community

*Hymn 515 ***I Come with Joy*** (vv. 1 & 5) DOVE OF PEACE

*Expressing Our Joy The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Leader: The Living God has brought us this far on our journey.
People: God has given bread to the hungry and rest to the weary.
Leader: God has shown us the future generations – the children in our midst.
People: And faithful to the divine promise, God has clothed us with salvation and joy.
Leader: What more can we ask of God?
People: To bless us and future generations forever and to give us the courage to pray with trust and serve with joy.
Leader: May the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Dazzling God, we are blinded to your majesty. We have taken for granted the amazing wonder of life, without seeing you as the source of all things. Jesus, our Redeemer, we thank you that our fears and sorrows are no barrier to your love. Whenever we have retreated behind closed doors, you have sought us out to comfort and strengthen us. Though we have not felt the breath of your presence like the disciples, yet we have felt you close to us. Each time a fresh peace dispels anxiety, each time we feel the impulse to serve another in love, we have signs of your closeness to us. In a love stronger than death, you have claimed us and given us a new beginning and a holy work to do.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Musical Meditation

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Micah 6: 8 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 816 in the pew Bible.]

Philippians 2: 1-8 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 186 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation ***Hard to be Humble*** Reece Humphreys Smith

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Offertory
(You are invited to bring your offering to God forward.)

*Hymn 647 ***Give Thanks*** Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong!"
Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.

Prayer of Dedication and Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, concluding with *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.

The Lord's Supper
(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*.)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 525 ***Let Us Break Bread Together*** LET US BREAK BREAD

*Blessing

*Going Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.