

9:00 a.m.

Devotional Service

May 14, 2023

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 15 **All Creatures of Our God and King**

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*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: Creator of the universe, you are the source of all life.

People: We give you thanks for mothers and their life-giving love.

Leader: Our Lord said, "Whoever does God's will is my brother, and sister, and mother."

People: We are members of a common family, sons and daughters cherished by God.

Leader: Like a kind and generous parent, God provides for our growth.

People: So we gather to renew our family ties with the household of God.

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)

Lord of our lives, like a child at rest in the loving arms of a parent, we trust the shelter of your love. As Jesus embraced a child in his arms, so you welcome us as your cherished sons and daughters. You have invited us to become partners in your loving grace, embracing the needs and hurts of the world. Forgive our tendency to become preoccupied with seeking our own personal comfort and reassurance. Help us to embrace all the earth's children with the care and compassion shown by Christ. Like our Savior, give us a ready smile and a willingness to love all your children as members of a common family.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Exodus 18:13-23 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 62 in the pew Bible.]

Acts 6:1-6 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 116 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon **Trusting God: Asking for Help**

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Affirmation of Faith and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

Christ Jesus though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death—even death on a Cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

(Phil. 2:5-11)

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 437-4239]

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*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 606)

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Prayer of Dedication, 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.

*Hymn 816 **If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee**

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*Blessing

*Going Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.

The 9:00 a.m. Service has a long tradition of lay worship leadership. This includes both the message and the prayers. If you would like to participate, please speak with Vance.