

9:00 a.m.

**Devotional Service**

November 12, 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 337                      **My Country, 'Tis of Thee**    AMERICA

\*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: *The Lord is my light and my salvation;*

People: **Whom shall I fear?**

Leader: *The Lord is the stronghold of my life;*

People: **Of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: *One thing I asked of the Lord,*

People: **That I will seek after;**

Leader: *To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,*

People: **To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: *I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.*

People: **Wait for the Lord;**

Leader: *Be strong, and let your heart take courage;*

People: **Wait for the Lord!**    (Psalm 27)

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)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your great mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Recognition of Veterans and Those Serving in the Armed Force

Ruth 1:16-18 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 230 in the pew Bible.]

II Corinthians 4:1-6 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 169-170 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon                      **Self-Sacrificing Love**    The Rev. Vance E. Polley

\*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

***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 and 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.***

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\*At the Presentation                      **Doxology** (No. 606)    OLD HUNDREDTH

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 338                      **O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**    MATERNA

\*Blessing

\*Going Out into the World

\*All those who are able, please stand.