

~ Closing Song ~
Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak #463

~ Benediction ~

~ Choral Benediction ~
The Lord Bless You and Keep You by Peter Lutkin

~ Postlude ~
I Bind Unto Myself Today
St Patrick's Breastplate, Irish Melody

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~ Welcome & Announcements ~

~ Opening Prayer ~

~ Prelude ~
Pastorale - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

~ Call to Worship ~

L: People of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

P: God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

L: When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

P: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

L: When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm you, and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

P: Wait for the Lord; be strong and take courage; wait for the Lord!

L: God knows what we face in this world. God sent the Holy Spirit to live in the heart of all Christ's disciples. The Holy Spirit is our guide and protector as we face the difficulties of life every day.

P: Thank You, our wonderful God in heaven. Thank You, dear Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You, Holy Spirit. We welcome You in this worship service. We welcome You to journey with us as we go about our lives this week. As we worship You today, please fill us with assurance that You are always with us. Amen.

~ Opening Hymn ~
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms #133

~ Greeting One Another ~

~ Children's Message ~

~ Hebrew Bible Reading ~

Proverbs 26:4-5 (CEV)

Don't answer fools according to their folly, or you will become like them yourself. Answer fools according to their folly, or they will deem themselves wise. God's Word for God's People. **Thanks be to God.**

~ Call to Offering ~

~ Offertory Anthem ~ Chancel Choir ~

If We had Seen Him on the Cross by Steve Kupperschmid

~ Doxology #95 ~

~ Prayer & Dedication ~

~ Gospel Reading ~

Matthew 7:6 (CEB)

Don't give holy things to dogs, and don't throw your pearls in front of pigs. They will stomp on the pearls, then turn around and attack you. The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

~ Hymn #99 ~

My Tribute

~ Message ~

Know What to Say and When to Say It

~ Unison Prayer of Confession ~

Merciful Lord, we often speak before we think about how our words will be received by others. Forgive us for the times where we have spoken words that have caused offence and harm to You, and to others. Please help us to use discernment when we are in conversations with others. Help us to know what to say that will be both truthful and affirming. When we feel the need to say a word of correction to anyone, remind us to pray for guidance first, so our words will be said with grace and mercy and be received by others. We pray these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

~ Intercessory Prayers ~

~ Communion Liturgy ~

People of God, do you love Jesus Christ? Do you repent of things you have thought, said, and done that offended God and your neighbors? Do you desire to live in peace with all people? If your answer is yes to these questions, Jesus Christ invites you to receive the elements of Holy Communion at His table.

~ Silent Confession ~

~ Responsive Pardon ~

L: Receive the good news: God listens when we humble ourselves in prayer. God receives our confession and mercifully forgives us when we ask. May God fill our hearts and lives with the presence and goodness of the Holy Spirit.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

~ The Great Thanksgiving ~

The Lord be with you. - **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. - **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (sung)

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (sung)

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen (sung)**

~ The Lord's Prayer ~

~ Distribution of Elements ~

~ Communion Music ~