

# Sunday Morning Worship

October 16, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

## Our Approach to God

Prelude Meditation and Improvisation on Slane arr. David Lasky

The Call to Worship Psalm 119:98,103

How I love God's law! God's commandments and teachings are always with me.

**How sweet are God's words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

God's new covenant is written on our hearts so that we may all know God, young and old, powerful, and powerless alike.

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In the Word we hear the good news of the gospel: salvation is ours in Christ Jesus.

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Let us worship God together. **Amen!**

\*The Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 403

\*The Call to Confession Jeremiah 31:31-34

The new covenant God has made with Israel, and with us, begins in forgiveness. Though we continually break covenant with God, God remains faithful. We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will forgive us and remember our sins no more.

\*The Prayer of Confession Psalm 119:97, 101; 2 Timothy 3:3-4; Jeremiah 31:34

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the power of this world.**

Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace.

Gracious God hear us, as we approach you from the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence).

**Do not remember our sin but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a new beginning. Believe the good news of the gospel: Our salvation is through in Christ Jesus.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

\*The Response *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

***Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.***

The Anthem "A Prayer for Healing" Joseph M. Martin  
(Chancel Choir)

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The New Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:27-34 page 856 OT

The Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8 page 109 NT

The Sermon Pastor Philomena

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostle Creed Traditional page 14

The Sacrament of Baptism

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism is Emma Kathleen Rychel  
Daughter of Tyler and Elizabeth Rychel

Baptismal Hymn (seated) *Baptized in Water* 492  
(verse 3)

\*The Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* 339

