

***Hymn 20**

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you teach us to love our neighbor but instead we turn away. You show us how to love one another as sisters and brothers but instead we embrace divisions. You want us to share your abundant gifts but instead we cling tightly to our possessions. You call us to proclaim good news to all people but instead we hide our light. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive our sin, open our hearts, and change our lives. Make us one people, united in faith, hope, and love through Jesus Christ. Amen

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Assurance of God’s Grace

One: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
(Please share the peace with those around you).

*Response of Praise Hymn 647 Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son (repeat)
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.

The Word

God’s Word in Song: My Friend and My Shepherd is Jesus
Children’s Choir

Scriptures: Ephesians 1:4-5 (Pew Bible, pg. 949)

Sermon David Taylor

“How God Rescues”

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

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.

*Hymn 757, verses 1, 3, 4 Today We All Are Called to be Disciples

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

PRAISE God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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.

Sending and Service

*Hymn 700 I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*Benediction

Response: Thankful Hearts and Voices
Children’s Choir

*Chiming of the Trinity

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.