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Psalm 111

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Sermon  
The Rev. Edie A. Gause  
*LIVING A COVENANT*

### III. Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 712 *Forest Green*  
“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) The Confession of 1967  
**The reconciliation of humankind through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God’s good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world’s poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structure, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls all people to use their abilities, their possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to them by God for the maintenance of their families and the advancement of the common welfare.**

\*Doxology Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth*  
**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.**

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord’s Prayer Choral Amen

Call to Stewardship  
*All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.*

Offertory Johannes Brahms  
“Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving”

\*Offertory Response Hymn 471 (v.1) *Hear My Prayer*  
(Choir sings first, then congregation sings.)  
**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me. O, Lord hear my prayer.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

\*Offertory Prayer

### IV. Bearing and Following the Word into the World

\*Hymn 307 *CWM Rhondda*  
“Glory of Grace and God of Glory”

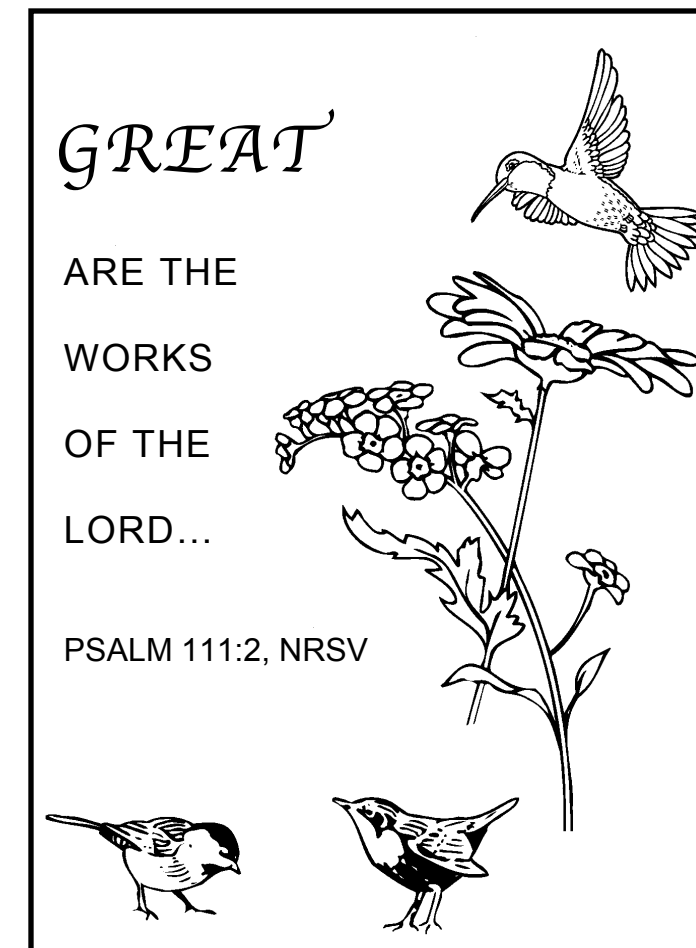
\*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Charge and Benediction (Responsive)  
God sends us into the world,  
**so we may see Jesus at work in all the desolate places.**  
As one with compassion, Jesus calls,  
**so we may follow him to those who live on the fringe of life.**  
The Spirit opens our ears and our hearts,  
**so we may hear the cries looking for hope.**

\*Closing Choral Response Dickinson College  
“May God Be Near You When You Pray”  
Sanctuary Choir

May God be near you when you pray,  
to help you with a gentle hand.  
May God forever guide your way  
and lead you to the promised land.

\*Closing Voluntary Tommaso Albinoni  
“Trumpet Tune in D Major”



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## THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

January 28, 2018

10:40 A.M.

*\*The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.  
Additional worshippers may enter as the congregation sings.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to God's house of worship. As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is "the Light of the World" (John 8:12) and of his sustaining presence. With the pouring of the Baptismal Water, we know that we are made clean and given new life by our faith in God. Let us lift up our voices in song and prayer that we may be refreshed, and our hearts in praise and adoration that we may "walk in the newness of life" (Romans 6:4) as we joyously worship our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

*(Please sign the attendance register and pass it along, greeting those near you. Guests, please share your address and telephone number with us.)*

### I. Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary Alexander Guilmant  
"Sonata III: Adagio"

Chimes The Entrance of the Bible

#### Call to Worship (Responsive)

Holy God, we come together, in the silence of your constant and reliable presence.

**We come to be still in the silence of this sacred place, to learn who God is for us.**

Sacred Presence, we come together in the silence; for you, O God, are our Security.

**We come to be involved in the noise of this blest place, to worship our Lord and God.**

#### Prayer of Invocation (Responsive)

Unshakable God, we come together in all the activities of worship, for you are our Rock, our

Fortress, and our Refuge at all times, for in God we find the real home of our heart.

**We come to be still in the silence of this sacred place, to recognize and acknowledge that God is indeed our hope, our peace, our joy – for all the changing times of our lives. Amen.**

\*Hymn 409

"God Is Here"

Abbot's Leigh

#### Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Save us, God, from weak resignation to evil. That evil creeps into our being and permeates our doings. We don't want to be that way which is contrary to all you have taught us, so work in us to take away our selfish gladness. May we honor our relationship with you by living in wisdom and working in courage. Forgive us and make us whole again as only You can do. Amen.**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response Hymn 623 (v. 2, sing twice)  
*Peace Like A River*

**I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.  
I've got fountain, in my soul.**

### II. Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

**Teach us through the words of Scripture we hear, and lead us to share those words with those we meet. We await the stirring of your Spirit. In Christ we pray with anticipation. Amen**

Music Ministry *Union Seminary*/arr. John Ferguson  
"God, You Made All Things for Singing"  
Sanctuary Choir

God, you made all things for singing,  
even canyons carved from stone.  
Thunder sets the hard rock ringing  
with the hymn the skies intone.  
Alleluia! Yours the praise and yours alone.

As the clap and roll of thunder  
give the rocks their note to start,  
Spirit, free and songs of wonder  
waiting in the thankful heart.  
Alleluia! Help each voice to sing its part.

Join with us in all our singing.  
Make our music, Lord, your own.  
Be the bass note deeply ringing;  
Be the highest overtone.  
Alleluia! Yours the praise and yours alone. Alleluia!

First Scripture Reading  
Mark 1:21-28

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A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

**May your Spirit stir us.**

Children's Moment

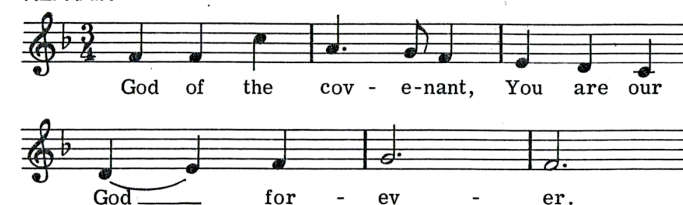
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Children's Worship

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17th Century German Hymntune  
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

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