



## THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

July 15, 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 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.)*

### Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary arr. Elizabeth Hill  
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Chimes The Entrance of the Bible

### Call to Worship (Responsive)

Before the earth was formed, we were chosen by God to be God's people.  
**God gathers us together that we might sing of joy and hope, as God's beloved.**  
Before the stars glittered in the night sky, we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.  
**Christ gathers us together that we might carol the good news of redemption.**  
Before the rivers flowed to the seas, we were chosen by the Spirit to serve creation.  
**The Spirit gathers us together that we might dance in the fields of peace with our sisters and brothers.**

### Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

**Every moment, we have the chance to breathe in your goodness and grace; every hour, we have opportunities to share Your love and hope; every day,**

**we have occasions to rest in the comfort of Your heart. In You, we discover the fullness of time, Delight of the Ages. In every challenge we face, we can find the strength to persevere; in every person we meet, we can find the blessing You have sent; in every need we encounter, we can find the help You would have us offer. In You, we discover the fullness of life, Companion of our days. Amen.**

\*Hymn 35 *Lobe Den Herren*  
"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**We would sing praises to you, Composer of our lives, but we remember the harsh words we used toward a friend this week. We would learn your healing hymns of grace, but the broken chords of our anger and pain echo deep within us. We would dance in the circle of your love, but we recall how quickly we turned and ran when offered opportunities to serve your people.**

**Forgive us, Gifter of every blessing. Open our hearts and fill us with your mercy. Open our ears that we may hear the songs of grace you would teach us to share with the world. Open our eyes that we may see the hope we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our inheritance of love and joy. Amen.**

### Silent Confession...

#### Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)

Before the earth was shaped, God created the music of grace which sets our hearts, our souls, our feet to dancing with joy in the hope God has given to us.

**It is God who has created us, it is God who has redeemed us, and it is God who sends us forth to live as brothers and sisters of Christ. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*Congregational Response Hymn 288 *Living God*  
**Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.**  
**Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.**

**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.**

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry Rusty Crownover and Dave Deison

"I'd Rather Be In The Palm Of Your Hand"

**If I could have the world and all it owns,  
A thousand kingdoms, a thousand thrones,  
If all the earth were mine to hold, with wealth my only goal.**

**I'd spend my gold on selfish things,  
without the love that Your life brings,  
just a little bit more is all I'd need, til life was torn from me.  
But I'd rather be in the palm of Your hand,  
though rich or poor I may be,  
faith can see right through the circumstance,  
sees the forest in spite of the trees,  
Your grace provides for me.**

**If I should walk the streets, no place to sleep,  
no faith in promises You keep,  
I'd have no way to buy my bread,  
with the bottle for my bed.**

**But if I trust the one who died for me,  
who shed His blood to set me free,  
If I live my life to trust in You,  
Your grace will see me through.**

Old Testament Reading Psalm 24 Pew Bible Page 502

This is a reading of Psalm 24  
**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time Pastor Edie

Sermon Text II Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19 Pew Bible Page 280

This is a reading from II Samuel  
**Thanks be to God**