

Call to Confession

Christ Jesus did not call down destruction upon those who rejected him.
How much more will he show mercy to those who seek forgiveness.
In faith, let us confess our sins.

Luke 9:52-55

Prayer of Confession

**O God, Holy Trinity,
help us to confess our sins.
You give us a place in creation,
and you intend that we live in love with all that you have made.
We confess that we abuse what you give us.
By our thoughts, actions, and the meditations of our hearts
we show how enslaved we are to life made corrupt by sin.
Far from walking in the Spirit, we stumble on paths that lead to death.
O Fire of heaven,
have mercy on us.
Satisfy the longings of our souls by taking us up into your Spirit
that we may love our neighbor.
Rekindle our desire to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose
passion for obeying you leads us to our inheritance,
which is your promised kingdom.
To you and the Son and the Spirit,
One God,
be all worship and praise now and forever. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

The crucified Christ has set us free to live in the Spirit of life.
Hear the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**
Now may the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Anthem

"Day by Day"

*Day by day, and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure, gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly it's part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.*

*Every day the Lord Himself is near me, with a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me, He whose name is Counsellor and Pow'r.
The protection of His child and treasure is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure," This the pledge to me He made.*

*Help me then, in every tribulation, so to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation, Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, e'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting, till I reach the promised land.*

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

Scripture

2 Kings 2:1-14

Sermon

"Passing the Baton"

the Reverend Chris Richardson

***An Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
We strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
In Christ Jesus our Lord.**

***The Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen! Amen!**

***Hymn 291**

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Offertory Sentence

The blessings that come from God are rich like the fruits of summer. With our tithes and our offerings let us give thanks and praise to the triune God: to the Son for our salvation, the Spirit for our rising, and the Creator of heaven and earth.

Offertory “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” Atkinson

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People – 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 and ever. Amen.

We Go in God’s Name

***Hymn 306 “Standing on the Promises” verses 1 & 4**

Charge and Benediction

God, bless us.

Jesus, walk with us.

Holy Spirit, guide us as we enter this new week.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and always. Amen.

Postlude

“Rock of Ages”

Tornquist

