

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Prelude and Fugue in G* Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* INTROIT

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons—Blessed Trinity!*

* OPENING RESPONSES

Terry Dugan

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not the Lord's blessings.

* HYMN 39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION

Merciful God, because we have sinned with thoughts, words, and deeds, because there are many moments when we have not loved others as we love ourselves, we ask your forgiveness. Grant us a full measure of your grace that we will do what you require: to seek justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, the Lord our God. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:6-12 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.183)

SOLO

Christ is All

Kenneth Morris

Lucie Freeman, mezzo-soprano

I don't possess houses or land, fine clothes or jewelry. Sorrow and cares in this old world my lot seems to be. But I have a Christ who paid the price way back on Calvary. And Christ is all this world to me. Yes, Christ is all, God is everything to me. Christ is all, God rules the land and sea. Christ is all without God nothing could be. Christ is all this world to me. There are some for who look and long for this world's riches. There are some folk who look for power, position too. But I have Christ all in my life, this makes me happy. Yes, Christ is all, means more to me than this world's riches. God is my sight, my guiding light through pathless seas. Yes, it's mighty nice to own a Christ who will my friend be. Yes, Christ is all this world to me.

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.82)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

SERMON

"Evidence of Conviction"

The Rev. Dr. James Butler

"Jesus said to Zacchaeus: 'Today salvation has come to your house.'"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* PROCESSION OF PLEDGES

Please come forward with 2025 financial pledges and stewardship commitment cards when the name of the pastor is read under whose ministry you were drawn to LPC.

Alfred J. Wright (1905-1926)

Richard G. Watts (1973-1980)

LeRoy J. Lawther (1927-1953)

Paul W. DeBeer (1981-1991)

L. Wilson Kilgore (1953-1964)

John Howard Reed (194-2000)

Jack Stanley Hart (1965-1972)

James C. Butler (2001-present)

* HYMN 712 “As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought” FOREST GREEN

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. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Offertoire* César Franck

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

* **HYMN 716** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” BEACH SPRING

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Rejoice* Cynthia Dobrinski

Handbell Choir

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor

The Revs. Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates

Dr. Kaori Hongo, Minister of Music

Aliyah Kennedy, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Sara Gresh, Secretary and Financial Secretary

Kimberly Hook, Childcare Provider and Evening Receptionist

Carolyn Fordosi, Housekeeper; Scott Schreibman, Maintenance Custodian

Margaret Limkemann, Minister of Music Emerita



SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Pledge Dedication Sunday

November 17, 2024

10 a.m.
