

Worship For the Lord's Day

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. May 27, 2018 Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Gathering of God's People

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME: *Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ,
that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you,
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.*

GREETING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*As God has greeted us with his peace,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Also See Old First News Bulletin Insert)*

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP *(Please sign & pass the black pew pads)*

PRELUDE on "Thaxed" *By Gustav Holst (arranged by Charles Callahan)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 121*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you". For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.
Let us worship God

*Hymn of Praise No. 2: "How Great Thou Art"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, when trails beset us it is natural to fear. Called to be courageous, we find our faith lacking. When asked to take risks, we confess our complacency. By ignoring injustice, we hope that it will subside. You have shown us how you are a God to be trusted. Leading your people, you have stayed by their side. Even Jesus overcame his enemies as he hung on the cross. Forgive our reluctance to believe in your guidance and grant us the wisdom to seek refuge in Christ. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE NO. 546:

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.

Proclamation of God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: *Jim Boggs*

SCRIPTURE: *John 15:9-17*

SERMON: "Remembering" *By The Rev. Gary M. Brose*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *"The Apostles' Creed"*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into death. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn of Response No. 510: "Shall We Gather at the River"

Response to God's Word

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY: "Prelude in G Minor" *J. S. Bach*

*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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING

Lord God, thank you for the blessings
you have given us year after year.
Help us to wisely use the time you have given us.
Lead us, while we remain here on earth,
to serve you through all the people around us
who are in need. Amen.

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS of the CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

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.

Go Out as God's People in the World

*Closing Hymn No. 553: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Grand Choeur" *Alexander Guilmant*

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