

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

### **GATHERING MUSIC & RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **WELCOME & GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS**

#### \* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

*One:* The Word of God awaits us here; come to worship.  
The Holy Spirit welcomes us; gather to pray.

*Many:* From the routines and struggles of our lives, we come.  
Amid the stresses and worries of everyday, we gather.

*One:* Come to be renewed in the Spirit of Christ;  
God is waiting to offer us a new life of freedom.

*Many:* In Hope, we seek God's caring presence;  
in faith, we dare to trust God's steadfast love.

*One:* Plunge into soul-refreshing waters that invigorate;  
offer to one another the bread of life.

*Many:* We are resident in a foreign land;  
God's realm is the true home we are seeking.

#### \* **PRAYER OF INVOCATION FOR THE INDWELLING OF THE SPIRIT**

#### \* **SACRED MUSIC** #17 "Sing Praise To God, You Heavens" NPH

#### \* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Persistent Creator, patient Teacher, persuasive Spirit, you are tireless in speaking to us, but we find it easy to close our minds, to refuse to hear what would require growth and painful change, to reject the truth because it is inconvenient. Forgive deliberate denseness of mind, fearful resistance to change, stubborn insistence that our way is the best way. Continue your speaking until we hear. Try new parables on us until we think and understand. Argue with us until we do your will. What else will your love in Christ allow you to do? Amen.

#### \* **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

#### \* **PROFESSION OF FAITH** (Unison) **Apostles' Creed** (Inside Cover of the Hymnal)

#### \* **GLORIA PATRI** (Unison)

#### \* **THE PEACE** (Response: "And also with you.")

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Pg. 13 NT

**SERMON** "Hearing, Seeing And Understanding"  
Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro

\* **SACRED MUSIC** #336 "We Gather Together" NPH

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

#### **RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

(Wave to your neighbors, and those joining via the live-stream.)

#### **OFFERING**

(Offerings may be placed in the collection basket at the top of the stairs as you exit the sanctuary following the worship.)

#### **SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER, PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER**

(Debts & Debtors; Inside Cover of the Hymnal)

\* **DOXOLOGY** (Unison, Inside Cover of the Hymnal)

\* **SACRED MUSIC** #852 "When The Lord Redeems The Very Least" NPH

\* **CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** (Seated) Kathleen Crecco

\* **Congregation standing; as each person desires.**

**Masks are welcome but not required, distance as you are comfortable.**

Virtual fellowship via Zoom will take place at 11:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/6360764407>

**Following the worship service everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall for conversation and a light repast.**

## REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer Galen Pletcher and Helen, Judy Gibson, Bob Fraser, Wayne Miller, Nick Scelzi, Vern Aldous and Arvilla, Bill Webb, Christa Lyon, Nick Scelzi, Bill and Karen Parker, Mark Erickson, Nancy and Mark Brown, Basford/Rodee Family, Josh Holbrook, Rita Ostrander, Colleen Grant, Janet Favro, Jody Upton and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; and those serving our nation and their families who support them.

Pianist: Kathleen Crecco  
Church School Director: Andrea Montgomery  
Office Coordinator: Lynne HunterBeach

**The password for our church wifi network is: Lakew00d4331a**  
**Password for the Zoom fellowship call at 11:30 a.m. is 3862570**

## AT OUR CHURCH THIS WEEK

Today 07/16/23 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (9 a.m.)  
- Noisy Can Sunday/Name Tag Sunday  
Sunday 07/23/23 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (9 a.m.)

**Birthdays:** Cole Ladison, Lincoln Gollinger (Today)  
Toby Walch (Monday)

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