

THE PEOPLE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC & THE RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME Rob Ewy, Greeting Elder
Please Stand And Greet Your Neighbors!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT Kathleen Crecco, Director of Music & Pianist

* **CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

One: Come, celebrate the wisdom God created
before the stars were born and set in place.

Many: Before the planets cooled around our starlet,
wisdom ruled with God beyond all space.

One: Rejoice that God crated earth in grandeur,
towering mountain, and the depths of seas.

Many: Give thanks for fertile fields and flowing waters,
designed with wisdom, that we might be pleased.

One: The majesty of earth is all around us,
and infants sing the glory of the skies.

Many: We tremble at the thought that human beings
have responsibility for all that God supplies.

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

* **SACRED MUSIC** #263 "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name" NPH

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Triune God, we acknowledge you as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. You grant us opportunities to be co-creators, but we cling to our ruts and routines. You expand the horizons of our caring, only to have our prejudices and selfishness intrude on your generosity in Christ. You send your Spirit to empower us, and we waste the power you supply in meaningless activity. Awaken us from our apathy, forgive our laziness, and re-channel our priorities. 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 21:23-32 Pg. 23 NT

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN Litany For a New School Year
Children Leave For Church School Afterwards

ANTHEM

SERMON "I Paid A Guy To Hammer The Nails"

* **SACRED MUSIC** #175 "Seek Ye First" 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** #498 "Loaves Were Broken" NPH

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(All are invited to share in the Sacrament of Communion.)

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Serving & Partaking of the Elements Together

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* **SACRED MUSIC** #306 "Bless Be The Tie That Binds" NPH

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE (Seated)

* **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.

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

PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer Margaret Alexander & family, Patience Boswell & family, Helen Pletcher and Galen's family, Judy Gibson, Bob Fraser, PFC Hunter Montgomery serving in Iraq, Vern Aldous and Arvilla, Bill Webb, Marilyn Coir, Christa Lyon, Nick Scelzi, Bill and Karen Parker, Mark Erickson, Rich Denison, Anne Goetze, Raelene McLain, Carole Schumann, Nancy and Mark Brown, Basford/Rodee Family, Josh Holbrook, 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.

Director of Music/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 10/01/23 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
- Deacon & Food Offering
- World Communion Sunday
Wednesday 10/04/23 - Women's Circle (7 p.m.) LL
- PK Service (11 a.m.)
- Choir Practice (6:30 p.m.)
Sunday 10/08/23 - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)

Birthday	Andrew Jon Loeffler (Today); Patience Boswell (Monday) Lachlan Roan Boutin (Tuesday) Diane Ladison, Tiffany Conn-Soricli (Wednesday)
Anniversaries:	Vernon & Arvilla Aldous (Today) Stephen & Martha Cole, Bill & Cati Gollinger (Saturday)

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LITANY FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

One: Dear God, it's the beginning
of a new school year

All: Help us to learn, O God.

One: As students, help us to do our best
to understand all of the new things
that will be taught to us.

Many: Help us to learn, O God.

One: Help us to be honest in our work, God.
Keep us from the temptation of cheating.

Many: Help us to learn, O God.

One: Give us the strength to study, Lord.
Help us to remember school is important.
Help us to be polite to our teachers and to
follow the rules.

Many: Help us to learn, O God.

One: God, help us to be kind and to be friends
with kids who seem to be alone

Many: Help us to learn, O God.

One: As teachers, help us to value each child
as a unique individual. Give us insight
to foster positive self-esteem
and an eagerness to learn in each student.

Many: Help us to learn, O God.

One: As a community, help us to accept
that the responsibility for education
belongs to all of us. Help us to understand
that *these* children ARE our future. Grant us
wisdom to make the right decisions,
and do the right things.

Many: Help us to learn, O God.