

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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***Prelude** # 747

"Sunshine In My Soul"

Congregation

Welcome

Thank you for joining us today. We are a welcoming congregation and if you are new to our church and would like to make this your home for worship, please see Pastor Michael Askew or an Elder after the service.

Opening Prayer

Richard Clubb

Call to Worship

Betsy Balmer

One: With powerful words and dramatic gestures, with a quiet conversation and a gentle touch,

All: We respond to God's call to offer healing and hope to our world.

One: With courage to face the injustices around us, with the willingness to go into the brokenness,

All: We fulfill the call of Jesus to engage in faithful obedience.

One: With the patience of a teacher of six-year-olds, with the gentleness of a nurse helping a patient,

All: We become the Spirit's refuge for all who live in worry and fear.

Choir # 41

"Lift High the Lord Our Banner"

Choir

Scripture

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (pg. 398)

Call to Reconciliation

Betsy Balmer

One: Arrogance, envy, harsh words, empty hands, pleasure in doing what we know is wrong – these are what we often use to fill our lives. Let us confess in faith, trusting in the hope that God's love restores us and makes us whole. Please join me, praying,

All: Ah, Lord God, we do not know how to speak words of hope, because we listen to the purveyors of fear. We do not know how to be loving because

our role models are ridicule and anger. We do not know how to be faithful to you, because at an early age, we learned to trust the promises of all the false prophets who entice us with their simple thoughts.

(A Moment of Silent Prayer)

All: But you know how to forgive, God of kindness, so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us. May faith abide in us, so we may serve others even as you have served us; may hope abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace; may love abide in us, not only in these moments of brokenness, but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who abides in us.

Assurance of Pardon

Betsy Balmer

One: The good news is that, in our God, we find that safe place for our lives. In God's forgiveness, we are offered the healing we need.

All: In God's acceptance, we discover the love in which we may abide in every moment of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen..

***Gloria Patri** #813

Congregation

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

Sharing the Peace

Betsy Balmer

The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also, with you.**

(Please pass signs of peace and forgiveness with those seated around you)

***Hymn** #92

"O How I Love Jesus"

Congregation

Life of the Church This Week

Betsy Balmer

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Betsy Balmer

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

The Lord's Prayer, *(Inside cover Red Book)*

Congregation

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Scripture

Luke 15:1-7 (pg. 741)

Choir Anthem #338

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

Choir

Sermon

Welcome Home

Rev Dr Michael Askew

Communion

(Please see Insert)

Rev David Leggatt

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***The Apostles' Creed** *(Inside cover Red Book)*

Congregation

Call to Offering

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

Offertory

Molly Allen

***Doxology**

Congregation

*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**

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Charge and Blessing**

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

We leave now in order to follow God into the world.

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

All: We will go to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.

***Sung Benediction** *(Please face the center)*

Congregation

All: May the Lord, Mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, and courage in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see His face, see His grace forever.

May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.

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Our Vision: Transforming lives by the love of Christ Jesus through witness, mission, and evangelism.

Our Mission: To be a place where the community can come together in Christ and provide, through God and his Word, love, comfort and joy to all.