

*Celebration of Worship*  
*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**SCOUT SUNDAY**

**February 12, 2017**

**9:30 A.M.**

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

**Thought for Reflection**

*“Look, today I’ve set before you life and what’s good versus death and what’s wrong. If you obey the Lord your God’s commandments and walk in God’s way, then you will live and thrive, and the Lord will bless you. But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen and are so misled, worshipping other gods and serving them, I am telling you right now, you will surely die. I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life!”*

*Deuteronomy 30:15-19, abbrev.*

***We Gather for Worship***

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *In Joyful Praise* Lyons

SCOUT PROCESSIONAL

PLEDGE

***We Respond in Praise and Adoration***

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: We will thank you, Lord, with our whole heart.

**All: We will talk about your wonderful works.**

One: We will celebrate and rejoice in you!

**All: We will sing praises to your name, O Most High!**

One: You rescue us from ourselves, from our struggles, from our failures,

**All: and gather us in the arms of your love and mercy, forgiving our mistakes and bad choices, restoring us again for your glory. Hallelujah!**

\* Please stand, if you are able

\* SONG OF PRAISE *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* Insert

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

\* GOD’S BLESSING ON OUR WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***God Speaks Through the Word***

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message *Choices*

Prayer

*(Children and Youth are dismissed for Sunday School.)*

ANTHEM *‘Tis Winter Now, The Fallen Snow* arr. Burke  
Chancel Choir

‘Tis winter now; the fallen snow has left the heavens all coldly clear;  
Through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow, and all the earth lies dead and drear.  
And yet God’s love is not withdrawn; His life within the keen air breathes;  
His beauty paints the crimson dawn, and clothes the boughs with glittering wreaths.  
And though abroad the sharp winds blow, and skies are chill, and frosts are keen,  
Home closer draws her circle now, and warmer glows her light within.  
O God who gives the winter’s cold, as well as summer’s joyous rays;  
Us warmly in Thy love enfold, and keep us through life’s wintry days.

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 5:21-24* p. 786  
*Matthew 5:43-48* p. 787

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Deuteronomy 29:22 – 30:20* p. 162

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF GOD’S SPIRIT

SERMON *A Leader’s Farewell Address*  
*We Get to Choose: It’s All About the Heart*  
Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

***God Offers and We Receive Grace***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GOD’S LOVE, GRACE, AND FORGIVENESS DECLARED

***We RE-Dedicate Ourselves to God***

REDEDICATION (responsively)

One: Choose you this day whom you will serve.

**All: As for me, in my heart and in my life, I will serve the Lord.**

\* HYMN OF DEDICATION *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* # 326

THE MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Day by Day*  
Glory Bells

arr. Buckwalter

Every day, the Lord Himself is near me with a special mercy for each hour;  
All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,  
He Whose Name is Counselor and Power.  
The protection of His child and treasure is a charge that on Himself he laid;  
“As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,”  
This is the pledge to me He made.

DOXOLOGY (# 592) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

\* CLOSING SONG *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* Insert

***God Sends Us Out to Serve***

\* GOD’S BLESSING AS WE GO TO SERVE

\* SCOUT RECESSIONAL

\* POSTLUDE