

Celebration of Worship

November 5, 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

“It is through our brokenness that we understand who we are, what we need, humbly serve, and become a blessing in the lives of other broken people.”

David Swanger

Order of Worship

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Au Matin* Godard

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Let all who hunger for God come to God’s holy hill!

All: Blessed are those whose desire is for the Lord. Let us lift our hearts and voices in thanksgiving.

One: Let all who thirst for God enter the temple of the Lord.

All: Blessed are those who worship in spirit and truth. Let us worship God with prayer and praise!

One: Why have you come here this morning?

All: We have come to worship God!

* Please stand, if you are able.

* HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* # 276

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SUNG RESPONSE *Change My Heart, O God*

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message *What Is a Saint?*

Prayer

(Children in Preschool through 2nd Grade are dismissed for Praise & Play.)

MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lullaby on a Swedish Hymn* arr. Piercy
Glory Bells

DOXOLOGY (# 592) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 5:1-12* p. 785

SERMON *Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit* *Matthew 5:3*
Blessed Are Those Who Mourn *Matthew 5:4*
Rev. Dr. Lawrence J. De Vuyst

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Prayers of the People

The Words of Institution

The Communion

The Lord’s Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Please come to the station nearest your seat to receive the Bread and dip it into the Cup.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* # 434

* BENEDICTION

* SONG *My Friends, May You Grow in Grace* Back cover

* POSTLUDE

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MEMORY VERSE

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17