

Celebration of Worship

September 10, 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.

Thoughts for Reflection

*“Sometimes, God doesn’t send you into a battle to win it;
God sends you in to end it!”*

Shannon L. Alder

“Conflict cannot continue without your participation.”

Anonymous

*“Twenty percent of conflicts are due to a difference of opinion.
Eighty percent of all conflicts are due to your tone of voice.”*

Anonymous

PRELUDE *Allegro from “Concerto #3”* Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Call: We are gathered together in the name of Jesus, as the children of a loving God.

Response: May the peace of Christ be upon us.

Call: We are sisters and brothers, the family of God.

Response: May the peace of Christ be upon us.

Call: We don’t always agree, but we look together toward our Savior.

Response: May the peace of Christ be upon us.

Call: Today we strip away what divides us and embrace what unites us.

Response: May the peace of Christ be upon us.

* Please stand, if you are able.

* HYMN *O Day of Radiant Gladness* # 470

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

Finding the Right Key

Prayer

(Children and Youth are excused for Sunday School.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, you know that we have sinned. You know that we have hurt each other, been unkind, and thought only of ourselves. You have given us such grace and mercy; help us to extend the same to our brothers and sisters.

Free us from holding grudges, from gossip and our tendencies to pass judgment. Let us never pour shame upon another, but instead your love and peace. Help us to walk with each other on the journey toward forgiveness and restoration. Thank you for the beauty you will bring to our relationships because we have sought your healing. We are yours, gracious God...now and forever. Amen.

MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY *With a Voice of Singing* Shaw
Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY (# 592) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Romans 13:8-14* p. 923

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 18:15-20* p. 799

MEDITATION *The Power of the Keys*
Rev. Dr. Lawrence J. De Vuyst

* HYMN *Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether* # 504

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Communion

Morning Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

* HYMN *A Shelter in the Time of Storm* HC # 1

* BENEDICTION (responsively)

Leader: Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." This world seeks violence, vengeance and retaliation. As you go from here this week, pursue peace...in your home and family, in the workplace and the marketplace, at school. Be slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love. Be filled with gentleness, grace and kindness. Let the love of Jesus flow through you to all you meet. Go now in peace. Thanks be to God. Amen. Peace be with you.

People: And also with you. Amen.

* POSTLUDE *Allegro Maestoso from "Sonata #2"* Mendelssohn