

# *Celebration of Worship*

## *25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 24, 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.

### God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Lord Be Glorified* arr. Helman  
Alleluia Bells

### We Offer Praise

\* Please stand, if you are able.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN OF PRAISE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* # 376

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

\* GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### God Speaks with a Heart of Love

FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

The Gift of Music *Scottish Bobber* Clark  
Carina and Evan Phillips

Message *Peru* Marge Wells

Prayer  
(Children and Youth are excused for Sunday School.)

PRAYER FOR GOD'S SPIRIT TO MOVE AMONG US

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL LESSONS

*John 9:1-16, 18-23* p. 871

*Matthew 7:1-5* p. 788

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

*Colossians 3:12-17* p. 958

SERMON

*Darkness or Light?*  
*Are We Standing in the Way of Grace?*  
Series on *John 9*, Part 2  
Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

### We Respond in Re-Dedication

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS GRANTED

REDEDICATION

\* HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Back cover

HONORING 50 YEAR MEMBERS

MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Holy Manna* arr. Almond  
Chancel Choir

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.  
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.  
Brethren pray and holy manna will be showered all around.  
Brethren, see poor sinners round you trembling on the brink of woe.  
Death is coming, hell is moving; can you bear to let them go?  
See our fathers, see our mothers, and our children sinking down.  
Brethren pray and holy manna will be showered all around.  
Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other too.  
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.  
Then He'll call us home to Heaven; at His table we'll sit down.  
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

### God Sends Us Out to Serve

\* SONG *Siyahamba*

We are moving in the Light of God...  
We are praying in the Light of God...  
We are loving in the Light of God...  
We are living in the Light of God...

\* CHARGE

One: For you were once children of darkness, but now you are light in the Lord! Live as children of the Light!

All: **We will live in the Light as children of the Light. That means we will bear the fruit of goodness, righteousness and truth. Together and apart we will find out what pleases the Lord!**

\* GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\* DOXOLOGY (# 592)

\* POSTLUDE *Vivace* Greene

\*\*All Scripture Readings today come from the Common English Bible.