

The liturgical color is purple, representing both royalty and penitence.

PRELUDE "Recitative and Aria" Wayne Wold
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME Paul Mongtgomery, Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

On our worst days,
God is good.
On our best days,
God is good.
When life is consistent,
God is good.
And when life turns on its head,
God is good.
Day and night, Monday through Sunday,
God is good. God is here. God is love.
Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** "O God, Beyond All Praising" TFWS 2009

OPENING PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

SCRIPTURE Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, p.432

KIN-DOM SIGNS

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary or give online using the link on the back of the bulletin

OFFERTORY 9:00 AM "Lenten Fantasia" Jason W. Krug
Canticle Bells

11:00 AM "The Holy Heart" arr. Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

***DOXOLOGY #95**

**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**

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

** Congregation invited to stand if able*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, We often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense. Like Peter, we want to yell out, "This should not happen!" We want to control scenarios beyond our reach. We want to hold your world in our hands. Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity. Forgive us for arguing when we could listen. Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open ourselves up to many. Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen. With hope in our hearts we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in a God of second chances,
a God who sees through my stubbornness and holds my fear with tenderness.
I believe that this God of second chances uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.
Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.
I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible.
I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.
This change is holy and important work, although challenging. When fear and scarcity plague me, or when the impossible feels out of reach, I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.
Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEN 9:00 AM "Contemplation" Cynthia Dobrinski

11:00 AM "Jesus Paid It All" Marianne

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SCRIPTURE Matthew 16:21-23, p. 694

MESSAGE "Wandering Heart: I'm Fixed Upon It" Alison Magyari

***HYMN OF MISSION** "Where He Leads Me" UMH 338

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by E. W. Blandly. Ernest William Blandly was born in London, England in 1849. He emigrated to the United States in 1884 with his wife, Eliza. He eventually settled in New York City. Rev. Blandly joined the Salvation Army in 1890. While little is known about his life, it is known that he turned down the ministry of an established affluent church to serve in Hell's Kitchen, the notorious Manhattan neighborhood of gangs and poor people. When asked by friends why he chose this assignment, he quoted Mark 8:34 where Jesus says "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Rev. Blandly died in Waverly, New York in 1915.

***FAITH IN ACTION**

***BENEDICTION**

***Benediction Sung Response** "Go Now In Peace"
Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.
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POSTLUDE "Prelude in f minor" Leon Boellmann

Other than the Prayer of Dedication, the prayers used in this service were written by
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from his loving family


Pulpit Flowers are presented by Geri Kranz
 In Loving Memory of Husband, David, whose birthday is today.

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