

**The liturgical color is white,
for joy and festivities.**

Anthem 9:00 "If God Be for Us" Joseph M. Martin
Charter Members Men's Choir

11:00 "Our Songs Shall Rise to Thee" Douglas Wagner
Chancel Choir

Serving & Giving Emphasis

Offertory 9:00 "I Will Be a Child of Peace" Elaine Hagenberg

11:00 "For the Beauty of the Earth" Choral Setting by Joel Raney

***Doxology #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #142** "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

Scripture I Peter 3: 13 - 17

Sermon Always Be Ready Rev. Sondra Snode

***Hymn #605** "Wash, O God, Our Sons, and Daughters"

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Ruth Duck in 1987 to a nineteenth-century hymn by B. F. White. Reverend Duck was born in 1947 in Washington, D. C. She earned a Doctorate of Theology from Boston University. She has written over 150 hymn texts for over a forty-year period. Rev. Duck is an ordained minister with the United Church of Christ. From 1974 to 1989, she served churches in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts. She began teaching at the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, a United Methodist Institution, in Evanston, Illinois retiring in 2016. She resides in Claremont, California.

Prelude "Lord God We All to Thee Give Praise" Pachelbel
Amy Bender

Welcome Rev. Sondra Snode

Call to Worship

L: We gather as those who want to worship and honor Christ.

P: We gather as those who want to live our lives for Christ.

L: Let us lift our praise as we open our lives to God's power and love!

P: Let our lives reflect God at work in us, and through us.

ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Dear God, we come before you today in humility and faith. We ask for your guidance and strength to walk in the path of Christ; to be the servants you want us to be. Help us to go forth with joy that can only come from you. Amen.

(Courtesy of Tom Martin)

***Hymn #61** "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Time of 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.

Children are invited to meet in the Narthex in the back of the Sanctuary to go to Sunday school.

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

***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 C"

J. S. Bach

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In Loving Memory of Our Mothers

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to celebrate an anniversary, or offer them to the Glory of God,
please contact Kathy Fellows at 440-255-5899.

Join us for Fellowship Time in the Gallery!

**To catch up on activities, missions, and events read our Weekly Update which is
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