

GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" see insert

*Benediction and Congregational Response "You Shall Go Out with Joy" Hymnal #80

Postlude

Serving Today

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growing in the Spirit and joyously serving others



Interim/Transition Ministry Specialist Pastor: Rev. Dr. Gary J. Ziccardi

Christian Education is available for Children 5th grade and younger. They will be escorted from the front of the sanctuary right after the Children's Message. A Crib Room is available thru the narthex at the rear of the sanctuary. Questions? See an usher.

Large print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available from an usher.

If you are able, please stand where you see an asterisk.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 9:30 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words for Preparation:

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? - Romans 8:31-32

Good morning! As the music for meditation is played and the acolyte lights the candles, please use this time in silent meditation as we prepare to worship and meet God in this sanctuary.

Music for Meditation

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting

Rev. Dr. Gary Ziccardi

During this period, please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it through the pew and back to the aisle. If you have special prayers of praise or concern, write them on the cards in the pew racks, fold in half and pass them to the center aisle at the time of the prayers for the people. We conclude by singing together:

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

Hymnal #59

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Hymnal #39, Ref.

Choral Introit:

"All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

arr. J. Rodriguez

The Call to Worship

Leader: For just this hour -

People: Follow me;

Leader: Listen to my word -

People: Follow me;

Leader: Think about your life as my disciple everyday -

People: Follow me;

Leader: Pray -

People: Follow me;

Leader: Sing -

People: Follow me;

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

***Hymn** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Hymnal #667

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Congregational Response** "Holy, Holy Lord"

*Holy, holy, holy Lord. Worthy, You are worthy, holy Lord
To receive all glory and honor, to receive all worship and praise;
Only You alone are worthy, Worthy of all honor,
You alone are worthy, holy Lord.*

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED FOR MERCY

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Faith is not for the faint hearted. We are called to speak up for the oppressed and to be quiet and listen to the stories of the suffering. Let us come together and confess before God the countless times we have failed to tell the difference between the two.

All: How easy it is to forget, loving God, that we are all created in your image. How quickly we judge people by what they wear or what they do rather than who they are. How easy it is to lift our voices in criticism rather than lift our hands in compassionate care. How fast we are to dodge reality rather than face what is -- and make it better. Forgive us, O God. Grant us the wisdom to listen with love and the courage to speak out for those who have lost their voices to hopelessness and despair. We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ, who came to show us what a life of love looks like. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear this good news: God loves you into life - again and again. Go therefore and do likewise!

All: Amen.

***Gloria Patri** Hymnal #581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Sermon on the Steps Stacy Volkert

Choir Anthem: "This Is the Day" Mark Hayes

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson James 2:1-17

Sermon "Practice What You Preach" Rev. Dr. Gary Ziccardi

RESPONDING TO GOD

***Hymn** "In Christ There Is No East or West" Hymnal #317

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving God our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Craig Wilson, guitar

***Doxology** Hymnal #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: We come to you with hearts full of gratitude, most gracious God. In response to all that we have been given, let us give generously of our time and our money with open hearts to love and hands to serve. Help us to give graciously without counting the cost or judging those in need. Make us worthy of the endless love of Christ our Lord. Amen.