



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, September 22nd

PRELUDE

“Morning Star *from Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music 1813*”
Piano

arr. Martin

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: As we delve into the I AM Statements found in the Gospel of John, we see a beautiful account of God coming into our flesh to reconcile humanity and save us from our sin. As John’s Gospel opens, we read, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

C: **He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.**

P: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

C: **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

[Moment of silent confession]

P: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never go thirsty.”

C: **But there are times when we’ve attempted to satisfy our hunger and thirst elsewhere.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

C: **But there are times when we’ve preferred to stay in darkness.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the Door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved.”

C: **But there are times when we’ve chosen to remain outside.**

P: Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

C: But we often go astray and get lost in the thicket.

P: Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

C: But there are times when we've placed our belief in other things.

P: Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

C: But there are times when we've defined the truth for ourselves.

P: Jesus said, "I am the True Vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, will bear much fruit. Apart from Me you can do nothing.

C: But there are times when we've not abided in You and have been unable to bear Your fruit. We pray for Your everlasting mercy and grace. Give us Your bread that we may no longer hunger and may nourish those around us. Shine Your light in us so that we may shine it in the darkness of Your fallen creation. Open the door that we may enter and be saved. Good Shepherd, guide us in The Way of Your disciples. Lord, we believe, help our unbelief. Teach us to hold tightly to Your truth and not our own. Let us abide in You, that we may bear much fruit and be a blessing to the world around us.

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the true light that gives light to everyone, came into this world, took on our flesh and dwelt among. God so loved us, that He sent Christ, His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. In Christ, you have nourishment, light, faith, and everlasting salvation. Your sins are forgiven, and you have been richly blessed so that you may proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Walk in this forgiveness as new creatures, born into the light of Christ, able to resist temptation and to serve God and neighbor with your whole heart. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE "The God of Abraham Praise"

BAPTISM of MAGNOLIA LYNN AKERS

RESPONSE “See this Wonder in the Making”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118:19-29 [ESV]

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL John 10:1-10 [ESV]

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed*

HYMN “I Am the Door”

SERMON “I AM THE DOOR”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Lord of the Small

arr. Dan Forrest

Voice of Peace

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“An Autumn Prayer”	<i>Piano</i>	arr. Muskrat
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“Ridgecrest”	<i>Piano</i>	arr. Jospeh Martin
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POSTLUDE

“Postlude on HYFRYDOL”	<i>Piano</i>	arr. Carolyn Hamlin
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