

Order of Celebration

September 1, 2019 ✦ 10:30 AM

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Gathering Music	I Can Only Imagine	<i>Mercy Me</i>
	Fall Down	<i>Mercy Me</i>

Sharing the Life of the Church

Please complete the Communication Card and place in the offering plate. If you have a prayer request, fill out a prayer card that will be collected during the first song

Centering Music and Service of Lights

*Call to Worship

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth. Christ dwells among us and is one with us. Highest of all creation, he lives among the least. He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

All: **Come now, all who thirst, and drink the water of life. Come now, all who hunger, and be filled with good things. Come now, all who seek, and be warmed by the fire of God's love.**

*Song

Lead Me to the Cross	<i>Newsboys</i>
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A Time of Confession and Renewal

Leader: Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be obedient followers of You:

All: **We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

THE WORD

Old Testament	Psalm 65	pg 712
Epistle Lesson	Luke 18: 9 - 14	pg 1276
Message	The Problem with Keeping ALL the Rules	

OUR RESPONSE

Song

Fall Down	<i>Mercy Me</i>
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Offering Invitation

"We take this opportunity to bring to God gifts of time, talent and treasure."

Offertory Music

You Are My All in All	<i>Nichole Enordeman</i>
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*Doxology

UMH 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.**

*Dedication Prayer (in unison)

Lord of life, we thank and praise you for every good and perfect gift that you share with us. We thank you for your sustaining love in our lives. Please bless these gifts that we return to you as signs of our love and gratitude. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please join in the Communion Liturgy as printed on the screens and bulletin insert.

*Please join in responses that are in **bold print**.*

WE ARE SENT FORTH

*Song

Awesome God	<i>Michael W. Smith</i>
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Benediction

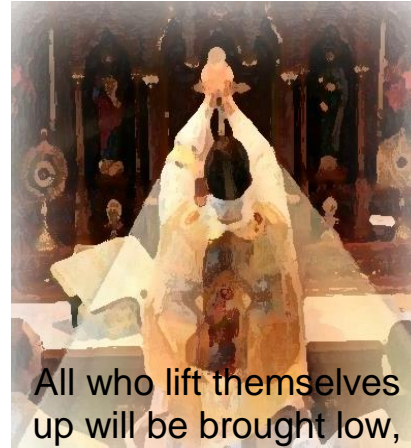
Pastor: Tender and compassionate God, you long to gather us in your arms as a hen gathers her chicks.

All: **Draw us to yourself in love, surround us with your grace, and keep us in the shelter of your wings so that in our time of testing we may not fall away. Amen.**

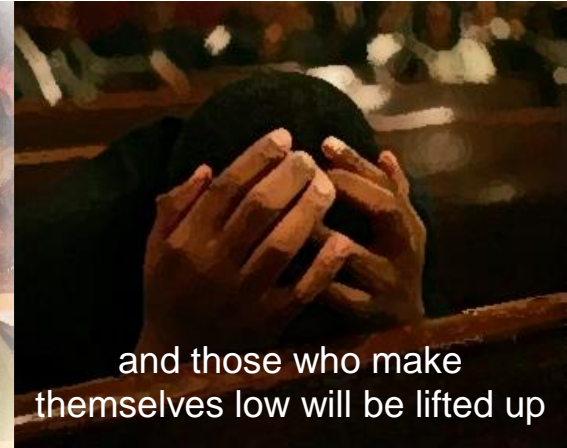
Postlude

We invite you to enjoy the closing music or depart the sanctuary as you choose.
Please Join us for Coffee & Conversation in the Fellowship Hall

*Please stand as you feel comfortable



All who lift themselves
up will be brought low,



and those who make
themselves low will be lifted up

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