



**January 27, 2019**

# Order of Worship

*Please silence your cell phone.*

## THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Campbell

\***THE OPENING HYMN NO. 89** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

## \***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come to this place, in this time of worship, to know that you are good;

**People: To know that we are created in God’s image, male and female.**

Leader: Come to this place, in this time of worship, to know you are loved and blessed.

**People: We come bringing all the quiet burdens we carry, hoping to find rest in God, new life in Christ, and strength in the gathered community.**

Leader: Come, let us worship together.

\***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 375**

Refrain

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

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## THE TIME OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

*The Ritual of Friendship folder is located at the center aisle; please sign and pass.*

## THE BOY SCOUT MOMENT

### THE ANTHEM

(9:30)

“His Love is Flowing Like a River”  
Genesis Choir

Jill Gallina

(11:00)

“Let Praise Be the First Word”  
Disciple Choir

Mark Patterson

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## THE CALL TO PRAYER

## **THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Tender God, Source of Life, we confess to you and to each other that we have not loved as you would have us love. Sometimes we turn away from the pain around us, because the pain within us is too great. Sometimes our fears paralyze our faithful intentions. Sometimes we look in the mirror with contempt at the beauty you created. Forgive our disregard of others and of ourselves. Heal our words and guide our actions, that we might become for the world strong, gentle bearers of your Holy Love.**

## **THE SILENT PRAYER**

## **THE WORDS OF GRACE**

## **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.**

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## **THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

**“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”  
Chancel Choir**

**David Schwoebel**

### **\*THE DOXOLOGY NO. 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!**

### **\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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### **\*THE CENTERING HYMN NO. 451 “Be Thou My Vision”**

**THE SCRIPTURE**

Luke 10:25-29

(Pew Bible pg. 948)

This is God's living Word for God's living people. ~ **"Thanks be to God!"**

**THE SERMON**

"To Love is to Know"

Rev. Dr. Barbara Lewis-Lakin

**\*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 437** "This Is My Song"

**\*THE BENEDICTION AND PERIOD OF SILENCE**

*Please remain quietly in your pew during the recession of the clergy.*

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

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*\*Congregation Standing*

*\*\*\*Seating of Worshipers*



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Encourage Lifelong Spiritual Growth	Support One Another

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