

June 2, 2019



"The body and blood of Christ,
given for you..."

Order of Worship

Please silence your cell phone.

THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

“My Heart Ever Faithful”
(Pentecost Cantata)

J. S. Bach

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 674** “See the Morning Sun Ascending”

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Nancy Townley, adapted

Leader: Happy are the people whose sins are forgiven!

People: God’s forgiveness is poured on them as a healing balm.

Leader: Happy are the people who place their trust in God.

People: God’s presence is their guide and their strength.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who forgives and heals us.

People: Let us celebrate God’s presence with us each day.

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 369**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

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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 INTRODUCTION: Hannah Sipes, Duke Intern

Don Barkel

THE LITANY OF BEGINNING

Inserted

THE ANTHEM

“Praise the Lord”
Summer Choir

G. F. Handel

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THE CALL TO PRAYER (Leader)

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nancy Townley, adapted

God of Abundance, we are people of impatient hungers. We want to be filled with all good things immediately. We don't want to wait. We are people who seek power and authority. We want to be in control, not to be controlled.

Rock and Refuge, we are people whose individual safety is of highest concern. Protect and guide us. Forgive our greed and selfishness. Help us to listen to your words of comfort and hope. Open us up to all the wonders of your love. Heal our hardened hearts. Give us lives of loving service to others, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE WORDS OF GRACE (Leader)

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“O God Beyond All Praising”
Summer Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

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***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 454** “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

THE SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11

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

THE SERMON

“On Winning and Losing”
Rev. Dr. Carl Price

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The elements will be served by intinction. At the direction of the ushers, come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. All bread is gluten-free.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Fed by your love and strengthened through your presence with us, we pray that we may go forth into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to be your Church. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 664** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

***THE BENEDICTION AND PERIOD OF SILENCE**

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

***THE POSTLUDE**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

arr. Haan

**Congregation Standing*

****Seating of Worshipers*



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Encourage Lifelong Spiritual Growth	Support One Another

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