

The flowers on the altar are given
by Deborah Kirkman
to the Glory of God
and in memory of her mother,
Isabel Harrell.

LICENSES

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne – *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Erin Yow – *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Steve Coss – *Associate Pastor*

Michael S. Brannon – *Director of Music*

Jennifer Gompf – *Acolyte*Noreen Elshaw – *Cross Bearer*

Chancel Choir; Don Jennings, guitar — *Musicians*

Keith Anderson – *Reader*Debbie Lancaster – *Altar Guild Volunteer*

Jason Gardner, Keith Anderson – *Sound Technicians*

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Thank you for your generosity.



Funds Needed - \$107,500.00

Funds Received - \$91,410.88

Funds Needed - \$1, 075,000.00

Funds Received - \$921,247.78

At the chiming
of the Trinity,
please silence your
mobile devices
and prepare
your hearts
and minds
for worship.

† Please rise in body
or in spirit

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Opening Voluntary

Plaint from Suite in D

Charles Callahan

✚ Call to Worship

from II Corinthians 9

We gather to worship God, who is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance.

So that by always having enough of everything, we may share abundantly in every good work.

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God.

Thanks be to God, the generous giver of all good gifts!

+Hymn 87

What Gift Can We Bring

ANNIVERSARY SONG

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true,
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!



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✚Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended
into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✚Responsorial Hymn 71
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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Stewardship Moment
Mark Bettner

New Testament Lesson
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Generosity Is Its Own Reward
Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Instrumental Meditation

Invitation to Offering

Anthem
Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing
Now let us all praise God and sing Our great Redeemer’s praise;
That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia!
All ye servants of the Lord, Praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah’s mighty power, Praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, Praise Him forever.
So let us all praise God and sing Our great Redeemer’s praise;
That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia!
Sing Alleluia!

✚Responsorial Hymn 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

Pastoral Prayer

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

SENDING FORTH

✚Hymn 438
Forth in Thy Name, O Lord
Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go
my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
and labor on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.

For thee delightfully employ
what-e’er thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

✚Dismissal with Blessing

Closing Voluntary
Trumpet Tune from Suite in D
Charles Callahan

As our time of
worship comes
to an end, our
time of service
begins; we
depart to be the
church in the
world.

The closing
voluntary is
offered as the
final act of praise
of God. Go forth
as the music
ends to continue
praising the Lord
with your life.