



## WELCOME

## LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

## CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liliana Gonzalez

Who may stay on God's holy hill?

Those who do what is right and speak truth from their heart;

those who do not slander with their tongue and do not evil to their friends;

those who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved..

### \*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Redeeming God, you come to us to rescue us from slavery and lead us out of captivity. Guide us by your wisdom and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and solidarity. Amen.

### \*OPENING HYMN

*Deep in the Shadows of the Past* | No. 50

*Deep in the shadows of the past, far out from settled lands,  
some nomads traveled with their God across the desert sands.*

*The dawning hope of humankind by them was sensed and shown:  
a promise calling them ahead, a future yet unknown.*

*While others bowed to changeless gods, they met a mystery,  
invisible, without a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";*

*And by their tents, around their fires in story, song, and law,  
they praised, remembered, handed on a past that promised more.*

*From Exodus to Pentecost the promise changed and grew,  
while some, remembering the past, recorded what they knew,  
Or with their letters and laments, their prophecy and praise,  
recovered, kindled, and expressed new hope for changing days.*

*For all the writings that survived, for leaders, long ago,  
who sifted, copied, and preserved the Bible that we know,  
Give thanks, and find its story yet our promise, strength, and call,  
the model of emerging faith, alive with hope for all.*

*Deep in the Shadows of the Past*  
TEXT: Brian Wren, 1973  
MUSIC: Annabeth McClelland  
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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We have not kept your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. We have not sought out the poor, the resident foreigner, the orphan, nor the widow that we might be those who stand in awe of the Lord and protect the innocent. Forgive us by the power of your mercy that we might stand in your lovingkindness and walk in your steadfast faithfulness all our days. Amen. *(A time for silent confession)*

## POURING OF THE WATER

*Because of the grace we receive in baptism, we have nothing to fear.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved children of God, God's mercy is great, bringing healing, justice and peace.

Believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God | No. 585

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!*  
*To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!*  
*Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!*  
*Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!*

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus! Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!*  
*To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!*  
*Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!*  
*Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!*

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit! Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!*  
*To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!*  
*Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!*  
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CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Lean On Me (with We Shall Overcome)* | Grace Choir  
By Mark Hayes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 15

\*HYMN

*Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* | No. 453

***Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God's word.***

*Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.*  
*God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!*  
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*Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah! Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!*  
*Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah! Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!*

*They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear;*

***They who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word.***

*God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!*  
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*Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah! Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!*  
*Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah! Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!*

*Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*  
TEXT: Willard F. Jabusch  
MUSIC: Hasidic melody; arr Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2006  
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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

SERMON

*"Standing Trial"* | Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

As members of the united churches, we may and must speak with one voice in this matter today. Precisely because we want to be and to remain faithful to our various Confessions, we may not keep silent, since we believe that we have been given a common message to utter in a time of common need and temptation. We commend to God what this may mean for the interrelations of the Confessional churches...

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation apart from and besides the one Word of God, Jesus Christ, still other events and **powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation...**

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were other areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords - area in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him....

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions...

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans...

The Confessional Synod of the German Evangelical Church invites all who are able to accept its declaration to be mindful of these theological principles in their decisions in church politics. It entreats all whom it concerns to return to the unity of faith, hope, and love.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Glory to God* | pg. 35

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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, Master of the Universe, you are the source of all abundance and everything we have belongs to you. Help us to be worthy stewards of the resources you have granted to us. We dedicate these offerings to stand with the vulnerable and uplift the downtrodden as you command. May they bring healing, justice and harmony in your creation, revealing the hidden light of your presence. Grant us the wisdom to know how best to use our lives and all of your resources to repair the world and bring your world closer to wholeness. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN

*You Shall Go Out with Joy! / No. 80*

*You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills  
will break forth before you;*

***There'll be shouts of joy,***  
*and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.*

*And all the trees of the field  
will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field  
will clap their hands;*

*The trees of the field  
will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy.*

*You Shall Go Out with Joy!*  
TEXT: Steffi Geiser Rubin  
MUSIC: Stuart Dauermann  
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\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Remember you are a child of God:  
And God loves God's children.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>  
During Fellowship Potluck  
Please join us!

# JAN 25 - FEB 1

## Events & Celebrations

SUN   25	MON   26	TUE   27
Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM  BIRTHDAYS Hilda Gutierrez & Hope Jackson	Yoga, 2:00PM  BIRTHDAY Tommy Nicholson, Jr.	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM
WED   28	FRI   30	SUN   01
Scouts, 6:30PM  BIRTHDAY Cameron Hernandez	BIRTHDAY Sandy Winston	Communion Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship Potluck & Congregational Meeting, 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM

## Prayers & Concerns

Mary & Mark Dunn	Zoomer Roberts	Pat Bryant	Bob Hedicke
Corey Elson	Mary Province	Pete McMillan	Mildred Helm

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor — Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith  
Music Director — Brittney Williams  
Additional Accompaniment — Bill Rose

Liturgist — Liliana Gonzalez  
Accompanist/Pianist — Patricia Ann Provencio  
Technology — Angel Martinez,  
Bob Jones & Jim Collins

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