



WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Round

All those around God's throne will fall down and worship, singing,
Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might belong to our God forever and ever!

The One who is seated on the throne will shelter God's children.

They will hunger no more and thirst. no more;

for the Lamb will be their shepherd and he will guide them to springs of the water of life.

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, to whom all glory belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Jesus, Lover of My Soul | No. 440

Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high.

Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past.
Safe into the haven guide.
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, ah! leave me not alone;
still support and comfort me.

All my trust on thee is stayed;
all my help from thee I bring.

Cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is thy name;
I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am;
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee.
Spring thou up within my heart.
Rise to all eternity.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740
MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876.
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. 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

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses. Therefore, 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

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! | No. 390
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Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!
TEXT: Cameroon song
MUSIC: Cameroon melody, arr. Ralph M. Johnson, 1994.
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CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Blessing of a Mother's Love | Michelle Malone (solo)
Words & Music by Becki Slagle Mayo: Insp. By Lindsey Sample

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 23

*HYMN

My shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need | No. 803
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows;
your oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest,
but like a child at home.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719
MUSIC: USA folk melody
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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

SERMON

"A Great Ordeal" | Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Belhar Confession*

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine which absolutizes either natural diversity or the sinful separation of people in such a way that this absolutization hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church, or even leads to the establishment of a separate church formation.

We reject any doctrine which professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers of the same confession are in effect alienated from one another for the sake of diversity and in despair of reconciliation.

We reject any doctrine which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin.

We reject any doctrine which explicitly or implicitly maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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

Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness; your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering and our whole lives and use them for the good of the world you love. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

In the Bulb There Is a Flower | No. 250

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.
There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.
In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

*CHARGE & BLESSING

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

MAY 11 - 18

Event & Celebrations

SUN | 11

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday Worship, 10:00AM
Fellowship, 11:15AM
NA of EP, 3:00PM
BIRTHDAY—Bubbles Eades

TUE | 13

GraceB4Work, 7:00AM
Book Club, 6:00PM
BIRTHDAY
Liesel Rose Angeles

WED | 14

Grief Support EP, 12:00PM (at 1st Pres.)

FRI | 16

BIRTHDAY—Jackie Franco

SAT | 17

Quilter's Workshop, 9:00AM

SUN | 18

Sunday Worship, 10:00AM
Fellowship, 11:15AM
B&G, 11:15AM
NA of EP, 3:00PM

Prayers & Concerns

Bob Hedicke

Mildred Helm

Ann Patrick

Pete McMillan

Mary Province

Billy Beard

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Liturgist—Pam Round
Accompanist/Pianist—Patricia Provencio
Technology—Bob Jones & Jim Collins

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