



Worship

Sunday

November 25, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE *Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens!* R. Pritchard
Brent Edwards, Ed Mills, Trumpet

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The time of gathering is here.

We have come from far and wide to offer our praise to God for God's many blessings to us.

Open your hearts to God's compassionate words of love.

Help us, O Lord, to receive your gifts in gratitude and to live lives of helpful service to others.

In Christ's Name, we pray.

AMEN.

* HYMN NO. 160 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart vs. 1-2,5*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, we are rushing headlong into the holiday season, forgetting that the word "holiday" is actually comprised of two words: "holy and day." Forgive us when we treat the "holiday" as a task and a burden, when we load ourselves down with tasks that do not enhance this day. Help us move past the busyness of the day into the attitude of gratitude we should display for all the many wonders and blessings you have poured on us. Forgive us when we grumble and gripe about the work and do not relish the delight in having family and friends together. Remind us that there are those for whom this day holds little delight and hope. Help us reach out to them with love, listening to their hearts and trying to meet their needs. Cause us to be people of Passion about the love you have given to us and about the joy of serving you by helping others. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

Silent Prayers may be offered.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Though hosts encamp around you, uttering messages of fear and dread, place your trust and hope in God who lavishly provides for you and who calls you beloved. Rejoice, for God is with you. **AMEN.**

ANTHEM *Without Love It Will All Pass Away*

Beall/Larson

If I speak in tongues of angels and men,

Without love, I am nothing at all.

If I have the power to see beyond today, without love,

It will all pass away.

If my faith is great and mountains can be moved,

Without love, I am nothing at all.

If I give the poor all the things I hold so dear, without love,

It will all disappear.

Love is patient. Love is kind. Love rejoices in the truth.

Love will never fail though all may cease to be.

Love is God's eternal gift and mystery.

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Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER *Let it Breathe on Me* M. Butts

MORNING PRAYER

LORDS 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.

SERMON "Just Waiting"
Romans 13:11-14 Rev. Danny Leonard
Reflection

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS No. 45
Rebecca Leduc
Julie Patton

INVITATION TO PRESENT GIFTS

***HYMN NO. 73** *O Worship the King vs. 1-3*

***DOXOLOGY NO. 95**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

* **HYMN NO. 664** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* R. Bitgood

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Items in bold indicate congregational response.