



Worship

October 7, 2018
11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE *Largo* *Antonio Vivaldi*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship God, the living God,
Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.
We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.
We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
Who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
All glory to God!

* HYMN NO. 415 *Take Up Thy Cross*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have given human beings dominion over the works of your hands.
All too often, though, we confuse this holy charge with having ownership. We then treat your creation as a resource to be used for our needs and our profit. We find ourselves reluctant to count the cost of our failure to be your faithful stewards until disaster strikes.
And so we pray, show us another way, O God.

Silent prayers may be offered.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear this great good news:
God continually shows us another way.
God's mercy is as wide as the ocean.
God's desire to forgive is as strong as the mighty wind.
So let your hearts receive the outpouring of God's love through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

FINANCES AND FAITH *Maxine Wally*

ANTHEM *Tune My Heart to Sing God's Praise* *Lloyd Larson*
Chancel Choir

CALL TO PRAYER *Be Present at Our Table, Lord*

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 "When Dreams Become Nightmares" Rev. Danny Leonard
Matthew 16:24-27
Reflection

* HOLY COMMUNION UMH PG. 15
You are invited to place your offering and your Connect Cards in the plates when you come forward to receive Communion.

HYMN NO. 628 *Eat This Bread*

* HYMN NO. 159 *Lift High the Cross*

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE *Te Deum Marc Charpentier*

* THOSE WHO ARE ABLE ARE INVITED TO STAND.
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