

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 136:1-3)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: O give thanks to the God of gods,

All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,

All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let us worship God!

* Hymn #33 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (inspired by James 3:13-4:3)

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, amen.

Time of Silence for Personal Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response: Glory to God

VASILE

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Without leaving your seat, share the peace with those around you)

Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 22: 1-15 (p. 500)

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Time with Young Disciples

Second Lesson: Job 23:1-9; 16-17 (p. 471–472)

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message: "The Benefits of Lament"

* Affirmation of Faith *(see insert)*

* Hymn #684 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

Sharing of Joys and Concerns - Prayers of the People - The Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving

Time for Generosity

Offertory If You Search With All Your Heart Craig Courtney
The Chancel Choir

* Doxology # 815 "Praise God"

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, from you, our heavenly Father. Amen.

Sending

* Hymn #45 Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Setting by Joel Raney
Pat and George Radosavljevic, piano

(You are asked to remain seated for the Postlude)

* Going Forth **Please rise in body and /or in Spirit*

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