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Disciples Making Disciples



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THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. RJ Leek

PRELUDE – What Wondrous Love Is This

Joyful Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

^I Will Call Upon the Lord

^Shout to the North

Refiner's Fire

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Chris Payne, Lay Leader

God of wisdom,

we confess the foolishness of our ways,

and our failure to follow You in Your paths of right relationships –
with You and with others.

We have gone astray, we feel lost.

We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others.

We have failed to be generous with the poor,

and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice.

We feel the stains of our sins, God;

have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love.

Wash the sinfulness out of us

and help us to live more faithfully as Your servants.

We seek Your unfailing Lordship

and ask for Your guiding hand on our lives.

You are the immortal, invisible One;

to You be honor and glory forever; amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)

Chris Payne, Lay Leader

Merciful and loving God,

we thank You for never losing hope for us.

When we are lost, You are there on the look-out for us,

bringing us back to You like the good shepherd that You are.

Your Word tells us of the joy in heaven that awaits us.

May this joy flow into our lives each day,

and be faithfully reflected into the world around us.

Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd.

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Leek

ADVENTURE TIME

Dick Krase

DEDICATION OF NEW HANDBELLS AND CHIMES

Rev. Leek

ANTHEM

Joyful Ringers

Wonderful Words of Life

^APOSTLES CREED

Chris Payne, Lay Leader & Congregation

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from hence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering

Rev. Leek

Offertory – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Chancel Choir

^Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

^Prayer of Dedication

Chris Payne, Lay Leader

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Leek

The Lord's 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 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.

THE SCRIPTURE

Chris Payne, Lay Leader

II Kings 2: 1-12

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Rev. RJ Leek

“Loyalty”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

More About Jesus – Hymn #389 (verses 1, 2 & 3)

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Leek

^RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION

Go With Us, Lord

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

POSTLUDE

Cathy Bullock

^Please stand, where able.

Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words of Life;
Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of Life.
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty;
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words Wonderful words of Life.

Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful words of Life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of Life.
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever;
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.

Handbell and Chimes Dedication**Opening**

Cathy – talk about what chimes and handbells we are dedicating.

RJ: Blessed be our gathering as we dedicate these handbells and chimes to the service of God.
Let us invoke the presence of the Divine through scripture and prayer.

Congregation: We lift our hearts in dedication and praise.

Cathy: From the book of Psalms, we read: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise." (Psalm 98:4)

(OVER)

Congregation: We dedicate these handbells and chimes to bring forth joyful melodies in praise of the Almighty.

RJ: In the book of Exodus, it is written: "And all the people saw the thundering's, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off." (Exodus 20:18)

Congregation: As the sound of the trumpet echoed in awe, may these handbells and chimes resonate with reverence, drawing us closer to the divine presence.

Cathy: The Gospel of Luke recounts: "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." (Luke 2:2)

Congregation: May the sound of these handbells and chimes be like the rushing wind, filling our hearts and spaces with the spirit of grace and peace.

RJ: Let us offer a moment of silent prayer, dedicating these instruments to the glory of God and the enrichment of our worship.

(Silence)

Cathy: O Holy One, bless these handbells and chimes, that their music may uplift our spirits, inspire our prayers, and lead us deeper into your presence. May they serve as instruments of harmony, proclaiming your love and grace to all who hear them. Amen.

Congregation: Amen.

RJ: Let us now use these handbells and chimes in praise and thanksgiving, dedicating ourselves to the service of God and the ministry of music.



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