WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Call to Worship

L: Your love reaches to the heavens, O God,
C: And your faithfulness to the clouds.
L: Your justice is vast and enduring.
C: No one is left out!
L: Everyone is sheltered in your wings.
C: Enjoying the fountain of life.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of light,
C: You light a fire within us and ask us to shine, but we are quick to hide and make excuses. We shrink from challenges, avoid responsibility, and deny the goodness of your creation. We seek hollow praise and then don’t believe it. Forgive us for hiding our God-given light and remaining self-absorbed.

P: Children of God, never fear, for you have always lived in the mercy of your creator. Hear the words of absolution and believe them: you are forgiven, you are made whole, you are restored to God. Hallelujah!

All: Amen.

HYMN: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also, with you.
PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. Almighty God, your own followers did not always understand your words and deeds. Reveal yourself to us in the world, that we might reflect your glory and live as your beloved children. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON


Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, “Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands.” But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying. R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks, be God.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Beautiful Savior

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+RESPOND+  
See God’s promise in one another.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
R: Gracious God.  
C: Hear our prayer.  

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **The Lord's Prayer**

**OFFERING**  
We give generously to God because God has given generously to us. If you have an offering envelope today, please leave it in the collection plate as you leave worship. Or you can use the Give+ App or text an amount to 833-605-0967 to give through your cell phone.

**OFFERTORY SONG**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav’nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

We offer all we have to you, O God: our lives and our possessions, for all that we have you have given us. Receive the gifts we bring and find favor in our efforts to serve you through serving others, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**MILESTONES**

+SENDING+

Make God’s story your story.

**BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
C: Amen.

**SENDING SONG:** Christ, Be Our Light  
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**SENDING:** L: Go in peace; serve the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

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