

25th Sunday after Pentecost 2018

THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Handbell Processional “Joyful Peal” arr. Kristine Johaneck

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" setting, Emma Lou Diemer

* Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord! The Lord will never leave us alone. Let the name of the Lord be renowned throughout the earth, now and forever.

* Opening Hymn # 846 “Fight the Good Fight”

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Gracious Lord, our labors are in vain unless you labor with us, O God. Continue to bless the work of our hands, that we might labor for the glory of your name alone, through your son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

One: Let us confess our sins to the one who sacrificed for us and waits in mercy to forgive.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Dear God, you gave us your only son, yet we fail to give you our best. You answer our prayers, even though we pray with a haughty spirit. You continue to bless us, even as we ignore those in need. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us toward you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Christ, who is our high priest, made himself a sacrifice once and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, be reconciled to God, sin no more, and do all things for the glory of God.

* **Response #582** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

* The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.** (Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ)

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Meggan Farwell

All: **You're beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

O God, wash and anoint us with your word of truth. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 127

Pew Bible – OT p. 573

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Handbell Anthem

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Pew Bible – NT p. 224

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Hand of a Warrior”

Rev. Dr. Luke Farwell

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* **Hymn # 8**

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

* Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, pg. 35

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Musical Offertory

“Variations on *Once to Every Man and Nation*”

setting, Behnke/Manz

* **Doxology #607**

* Please stand as you are able

Bold type indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.

* **Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Almighty God, whether we have given from abundance or from little, we humbly offer these gifts to you, and for the glory of your name, through your son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

* **Closing Hymn # 354** “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude** “Dona Nobis Pacem” setting, John A. Behnke



*Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you
in the prayer room if needed.*



Assisting in Worship This Morning

Greeters: Barb Ryan & Barb Kraus

Liturgist: Kaen Schmidt

Acolytes: Alexis Bivins & Noah Jensen

Ushers: Marilyn Heim, Sharon Carpiaux, Paul Weiss
& Lou Sieler

Organist: Julie Mackey

Handbell Director: Ted Huebbe

Elder of the Month: Scott McPherson

Deacons of the Month: Debbie Pahl & Bonnie Le Mense

Tech Crew: Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks, & Joe
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Fellowship: Marilyn Heim

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