

Greeting

Laurie White

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts "I Thank You, God"

Elizabeth Tombouliau

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*Call to Worship

L: Everybody here, clap your hands!

P: God is in the house!

L: Everybody here, shout your praise to God!

P: God is in the house!

L: Everybody here, sing praise to God!

P: God is in the house!

*Hymn of Praise

"How Firm a Foundation"

UMH 529

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**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”**

A Season of Prayer

Call to Prayer

Philippians 4:4-7

Personal Prayer ~ *a time of quiet to speak with and listen to the Lord*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

UMH 895

**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!**

Special Music

“On Eagles’ Wings”

Ginny Hildebrand

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

L: This is the word of the Lord!

P: **Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn of Preparation

“Lead Me, Lord”

UMH 473

Psalm 5:8, 4:8 ~ Public Domain

**Lead me, Lord. Lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.**

Message

“How to Persevere”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“Grace Alone”

Elizabeth Tomboulian
& Ginny Hildebrand

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

**Bless these gifts, O Lord of all, that we might worship you with great joy and
serve your people with great love. In Christ's name, Amen.**

*Hymn of Joy

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.**

*Sending Forth with Blessing

L: Go in peace!

**P: In the power of the Holy Spirit we now go into the world to be the people of God,
the body of Christ**

*Music for Going Forth

“The Storm is Passing Over”

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