
GATHERING

PRELUDE*Piano Sonata No. 31, Movement 1*

Ludwig van Beethoven

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Ruhf

FAITH IN ACTION*Family to Family Christmas*

Julie Morrison

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Colossians 1

One: Come and worship Christ,

All: the visible image of the invisible God,

One: the firstborn of creation,

All: the eternal God:

One: the one through whom all things were created,

All: and in whom all things are held together.

One: This is our God! Let's worship together.

*** HYMN 305***Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess we have given idols power over us; the idols of power and wealth, fame and security. We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world and have forgotten our kindred in Christ. We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth, and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us. Forgive us. Call us back to you. Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord...

SILENT CONFESSION**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS***** PASSING OF THE PEACE***You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people.**Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."**** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE***Please sing twice:***Alleluia! Alleluia!****Alleluia! Alleluia!***This is Hymn 587, Alleluia! (CELTIC ALLELUIA)***PROCLAIMING****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Nancy Fox

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 46This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****NEW TESTAMENT READING** Colossians 1:11–20This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Johnson

RESPONDING

* HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Mares

Offertory

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Card

SENDING

* HYMN 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:**

the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

This is Stanza 3 of Hymn 643, Now Thank We All Our God.

* POSTLUDE

Piano Sonata No. 31, Movement 3

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* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

The Prayer for Forgiveness is adapted from a Confession written by Rev. Mindi and posted on the Rev-o-lution blog (<http://rev-o-lution.org>).

Thank you to Clayton Farmer for playing the piano for this service.