

*A Service For The Worship Of God*

September 9, 2018

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.

**Processional Hymn #469 Morning Has Broken**

**Call To Worship**

Leader: As we gather to worship God may it be a feast of God's holy word,

**People: eyes and ears are opened so that we may all be made glad and filled with hope.**

***A Word of Welcome and Announcements***

**Hymn: Open The Eyes Of My Heart**

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## **Call To Confession**

With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins before God and one another, trusting in God's mercy to forgive.

## **Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

**Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us into your right path.**

(Silent Confession) — In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

## **Assurance Of Pardon**

Leader: In the person of Jesus Christ, our merciful God lifts our burdens and removes shame of the failures from our past, and turns us to new and holy life.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God**

**\*Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

## **Passing The Peace Of Christ**

Leader: *As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ  
The Peace Of Christ Be With You.*

**People: And Also With You.**

Leader: *Let us turn and greet one another*

## **Dedication of Church School**

## **Children's Time**

**Hymn: #485 To God Be The Glory**

## **Prayers Of The People and Lord's Prayer**

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns and joys)

Leader: Lord in you mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

## **Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

**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.**

## Prayer Response

Hymn #325 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,  
And make this house your home;  
Descend with all your gracious powers;  
O come, great Spirit, come!

## Offering (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Choral Anthem

Autumn Carol

## Scripture

Psalm 125 (NRSV)

**Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the Lord surrounds his people,  
from this time on and forevermore.**

**For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
so that the righteous might not stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.**

**Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

**But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways  
the Lord will lead away with evildoers.**

**Peace be upon Israel!**

## Message

Rev. Jack Cormack

## Hymn: Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone

Amazing Grace, how sweet the  
sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to  
fear  
And Grace my fears re - lieved  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set  
free

My God, my Savior has ransomed  
me

And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love, Amazing Grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures

He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

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And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love, Amazing Grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like  
snow

The sun forbear to shine

But God who called me here below

Will be forever mine

Will be forever mine

You are forever mine\*

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **\*Response**

God be with you till we meet again,  
By His counsels guide, up hold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you  
God be with you till we meet again.

\*=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand

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