

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 A.M. May 8, 2016

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us prepare for worship by praying,  
meditating and listening to the organ prelude.

The Ringing of the Church Bell

The Prelude

The Welcome and Concerns of the Church

The Choral Introit

### THE GATHERING

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of Jesus Christ be with all the saints! We have gathered in his grace to worship God.

**People: Rejoice in God and give thanks to God's holy name. Let all heaven and earth behold God's glory.**

Leader: God is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. All creation is subject to God's rule and reign.

**People: We bring our prayers and praise to God most high, we lift our voices in hymns of celebration.**

Leader: Come, all who hunger, all who thirst; be nourished and renewed in this time of worship.

**People: We bring joys and sorrows, fullness and needs. We come with successes and failures; we come seeking.**

\*The Hymn No. 85

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Hear our individual confessions, O God, as we recall the ways we ignore you every day. Listen to our regrets over the abuse we have heaped on others by our words, actions, or neglect. We join together in asking forgiveness for the ways our church inflicts injury on members of the household of faith while excluding many who differ from us. We live by our own devices rather than taking risks to follow where Christ might lead us. Deliver us, O God, from empty forms to receive the fullness of your grace and the power to live as you intend. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Rejoice O righteous ones, and give thanks to God's holy name. You are forgiven, saved from the wrath of one before whom mountains melt and earth trembles. Through Christ, God's forgiving love is poured out on all who earnestly seek to be changed.

**People: We are drawn into unity that transcends our differences and a faithfulness beyond our ability to achieve. Praise be to God!**

#### **THE WORD**

The Children's Time

The Choral Anthem

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 29

The New Testament Lesson

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

The Sermon

**"The Voice of Heaven"**

#### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Choral Response

\*The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

\*The Gloria Patri

The Bringing of the Tithes, Offerings and Gifts

The Offertory

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn No. 272

*"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"*

\*The Charge and Benediction

Congregation Response

*Lift High the Cross*

*Come, Christians follow where the Savior trod. The Lamb victorious,  
Christ the Son of God. Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*