

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

~ Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

The Opening of the Scriptures and Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Welcome to Worship Morris Driggers

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PRAISING

* The Call to Praise Laura Edgar

This is the day the Lord has made, a chance to be transformed.

**Everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!**

Seeds spring up and fruit is harvested, ever constant, yet always new!

**Everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!**

There is might in meekness and strength in humility,

**Everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!**

Let the work of God's Kingdom be our act of worship,

**Everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!**

* Hymn 339 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

* The Invocation Laura Edgar

The Scripture Reading *2 Corinthians 5:6-17* Morris Driggers

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Instrumental Interlude

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... SHARING

Prayer Concerns of Our Church and World Laura Edgar

The Preparation for Prayer Medema
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

The Ministry of Silence

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Laura Edgar

Our Father, which 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.

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PROCLAIMING

* Hymn 592 *How Can I Keep from Singing* ENDLESS SONG

The Children's Period Laura Edgar

Preparation for Scripture *God Is for Us* BEACH SPRING

**God is for us! Are you listening to the words the scriptures say?
God is for us, not just sometimes, but each night and every day.
If we falter, if we stumble, if we sin and go astray,
God is for us! There is nothing that will turn our God away!**

The Scripture Reading *Mark 4:26-34* Laura Edgar

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Choral Worship *All Good Gifts* Schwoebel
Chamber Choir

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love.

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

He only is the Maker of all things near and far,
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star;
The wind and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us His children He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee, then, O Father for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer for all Thy love imparts
And what Thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.

The Sermon Paul Baxley
He Does Not Know How

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... RESPONDING

* Hymn of Commitment 646 CAMACHA
Teach Me Your Way

This hymn affords all of us a chance to consider our response to today's worship. The minister will welcome you at the front of the sanctuary if you would like to make a public commitment today.

The Receiving of New Members

* The Offertory Prayer Morris Driggers

The Offertory *Chorale in E Major* Franck
Bryan King, organist

The Introduction of New Members

* The Spoken Benediction Paul Baxley

* The Sung Benediction *Peace to You* Murray/Larson

**Peace to you, sisters and brothers,
peace that no words define.
Christ keep you safe in spirit.
Christ Jesus in you shine!**

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