

“In our world, ordained ministers and other pastoral workers can make present the fragrance of Christ’s closeness and his personal gaze. The Church will have to initiate everyone—priests, religious and laity—into this “art of accompaniment” which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other.”
- Pope Francis, Father Jorge Bergoglio

** Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able*

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE Meditation on “Showalter” B.Logan

WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life’s journey,
you are welcome here.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Come and Fill Taizé

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Though of one Body, each of us walks our own path:
P: Each of us has our own demons, our own obstacles.
L: Though gathered together, none of us can know another’s pain completely:
P: Each of our sufferings are unique, just as our joys are.
L: Let us continue on the path where Jesus leads us,
P: Together as one Body, laughing together,
L: Weeping together,
P: Singing together, worshipping together. Amen

LET US PREPARE

*HYMN I Sing The Mighty Power of God B12

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

As one Body, all accompanying each other, let us pray, “Our Father...Amen.”

LET US LISTEN

READINGS 2 Kings: 2:1-15
HYMN God of the Prophets B358
REFLECTION Fellow Travelers Pastor Mark Harris
ANTHEM The Circle Game (insert) J.Mitchell

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Medema
Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.
(twice)
PRAYER
(and once more)

L: Let the people say ...
P: **Amen and Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY My Lord, What A Mornin’ arr. R.Robinson

*DOXOLOGY B778 (tune: B78o L.Bourgeois 1551)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION

These gifts we bring to build up the Body and mission of the church, reaching out to each other, and to the wider world. Let those who are strangers become friends. Amen.

LET US GO FORTH

*HYMN *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* insert

*BENEDICTION

*SEVEN FOLD AMEN R594

POSTLUDE *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

- Ministers:

Pastor:

Minister of Music:

Worship Leader:

Greeters:

Ushers:

Flowers:

Set Up:
- The People

Mark Harris

Gene Faxon

Marcia Breckenridge

Ben and Ann Wheeler

Sam Greene and Co.

Marianne Rothnie

Dan Isaacs and Joyce Petkovich

Please join us in the Parish House after worship for coffee, this week provided by Lisa Giragosian and Kathy McCloy Raleigh.

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