

PRELUDE *Meditation on "Bread of Life"* Robert Graham
Evening Prayer from "Hansel and Gretel" Engelbert Humperdinck
 Linda Bronstein and Michael Loveland, handbells Arr. Victor L. Gumma
 Brenda Worth, piano

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Calef
 One: May every family in heaven and on earth gather in name and spirit.
All: May God pour out courage and compassion on our congregation through the Spirit.
 One: May our minds be open, that Christ may dwell within.
All: May our hearts know the height and depth of Christ's love.
 One: From generation to generation,
All: God's grace is abundantly satisfying! Amen!

†HYMN 2 [Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee](#) ODE TO JOY

†OPENING PRAYER
Loving God, we seek after you, for you are our refuge. Your power is at work within and among us, even when we are unaware. We want to respond as faithful friends of Jesus. We have come to discover the riches we did not know we possessed. We are here to offer our best for the good of all. Use us, we pray, to accomplish far more than we can ask or imagine. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Amanda Bethune

ANTHEM *As the Deer* Martin Nystrom
 Linda Bronstein, handbells Arr. by Anderson/DeRousse
 Brenda Worth, piano

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READINGS [John 6:1-15](#) (NT p. 118)
[Ephesians 3:14-21](#) (NT p. 236)

†RESPONSE AFTER SCRIPTURE 263

WOLFE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
 I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
 I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

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SERMON *Gather Up the Fragments Left Over* Rev. Fredd

HYMN 321 [Break Thou the Bread of Life](#) BREAD OF LIFE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Lord's Prayer* Albert Hay Mallote
 Jim Marrs, soloist

†DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We join with Jesus in giving thanks for the little graces we have noticed, for they open our eyes to the great possibilities we have not yet pictured. Gracious God, may our efforts be multiplied by your compassion so there is more than enough for all – more comfort in sorrow, more relief from suffering, more strength to match fatigue, and more joy to overcome sorrow. Amen.

†HYMN 110 [You Servants of God](#) HANOVER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on "Ode to Joy"* James Boratko



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024
9 o'clock

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† *Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!