

PASTOR

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

***Doxology** #592 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

***Song to Send Out** #2045 "Sing A New Song to the Lord"

Benediction

Postlude

*those who are able may stand

**GRACE, MERCY,
AND PEACE FROM
GOD THE FATHER
AND CHRIST JESUS
OUR LORD**

Life in the Church

Greeters

September 18 - Coss Family
September 25 - Donaldson Family
October 2 - Penny Erkert
October 9 - Connie & Jeff Guidi
October 16 - Tom & Deb Horvath
October 23 - Pam Howe
October 30 - Ken & Berta Konegen

Counters

September - T. Patrey & L. Tynan
October - L. Williams & C. Lessig
November - S. Donaldson & J. Austin
December - E. Coss & A. Austin

Fellowship

September - Church Life & Membership
L. Tynan & J. Coss)
October - Stewardship & Finance
(J & A Austin & J Leffler)
November - Christian Education
(D. Horvath & C. Lessig)
December - Communications Committee
(A. Austin & C. White)

Communion Preparation

October - Trish Patrey
November - Jeremy Donaldson
December - Sylvia Donaldson

Our Mission

Our response to God's call for us to show and share the presence of Christ in the world is our mission to:

Nurture - helping people to see God working in their lives, enabling them to respond to God's call for wholeness.

Encourage - supporting one another in our faith walk, together experiencing Christ on a deeper personal level.

Celebrate - Inspired by the Holy Spirit to learn, work, and play together in our faith, sharing our joy with the world.

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10:00 AM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Words of Welcome

Announcements & Events in the Life of the Church

Prelude

THE PREPARATION

Call to Worship (Leader; **ALL**)

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to revere your name.

We give thanks to you with our whole heart, and we will glorify your name together forever.

Help us to teach our children, and our children's children, to meditate on your instruction and give praise to your name.

Help us to teach them through words and actions what it means to follow your Son and embrace the grace you bestowed on us through him.

Father of mercy, Lover of all children, who in their form did send your Son; Gladly we praise you, and with humility we pray for all the children of the earth.

In your compassion, O God, tend to them in sickness, ease their pain, heal their diseases, lighten their sorrows, and free them from all evil.

POWER AND BLESSING, GRANT US NOW AND FOREVER, FOR WE SEEK TO SERVE THEM IN YOUR NAME. MAY ALL OUR LABOR, CROWNED BY YOUR FAVOR, BEAR FRUIT FOREVER TO BRING GLORY TO YOUR KINGDOM.

Song of Praise #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Passing of the Peace

Moment with the Children

Prayer of Confession & Dedication

Eternal God, who is mighty in power but tender in love; we humbly seek to teach the children of this church of your glory and your redemption. Help us to remember your

Prayer of Confession– continued

strength, instead of our own weakness. Strengthen us so we may teach in the light of your promises, rather than from the darkness of our frailties. As we gather before you, we dedicate ourselves to the task you have set before us. We pray for a new power, a greater skill, and a deeper love of teaching, so that we may truly reach the hearts of these, your children. Give to us an understanding of these young souls, a comprehension of their needs, and a revelation of your Holy Spirit. Infect us with a joy for our work, and remind us that as we teach, you teach with us. Give us the words to say and the thoughts to share. May all our teaching bring glory to your wonderful name; for we pray in the name of the Great Teacher, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Moment for Silent Confession

Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer pg 16 in Hymnal

Song of Thanksgiving #579 "Glory Be to the Father"

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 6: 4-7 pg 163 OT

Anthem

Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 1: 1-11 pg 207 NT

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Who is Teaching our Children?" Rev. Dr. Linda Erkert-Bullock

***Song of Hope** #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed pg 14 in Hymnal