

WELCOME Rev. John Allen

PRELUDE *Ayre on A Mighty Fortress* Micheal D. Costello
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Ted Wickwire

ANTHEM *All God's Children* Baker Lawrimore
Westminster, Junior, and Cherub Choirs
Trevor Peterson, piano

*For children all, a sense of welcome. For children all, a belly fed.
For children all, strong minds that wonder. For children all, a loving friend.
For we're a world of diverse people, and all our needs here on earth are broad.
So look around, see the beauty in difference, and work to love all the children of God.
For those ignored, a sense of welcome. For those ignored, a belly fed.
For those ignored, strong minds that wonder. For those ignored, a loving friend.
For we're a world of diverse people, and all our needs here on earth are broad.
So look around, see the beauty in difference, and work to love all the children of God.
For enemies, a sense of welcome. For enemies, a belly fed.
For enemies, strong minds that wonder. For enemies, a loving friend.
For we're a world of diverse people, and all our needs here on earth are broad.
So look around, see the beauty in difference, and work to love all the children of God.*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

****HYMN** *In Christ There Is No East or West* NCH #394

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 11:15-18 Ellen Stanclift

SERMON "Reclaiming Holy Ground" Rev. John Allen

MOMENT OF SILENCE

****HYMN** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* NCH #23

PRAYERS Rev. Francesco Marshall

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, 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.

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE (Whelpton)

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

Bold text = Please join us in voice! ** = Please rise as you are able

INVITATION TO OFFERING Rev. John Allen

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Hold On* Tice, arr. Sally Ann Morris
Adult Choir
Denise Meiler, soloist

*When pain or sorrow is too much to bear; when your heart feels numb, unable to care,
when faith seems so pointless that you cannot pray, when no one knows quite what to say,
then hold on to find a way to get through.*

*And when your hope is gone, and you can't hold on, we will hold on to you.
If God is silent when you need to hear that you're not alone, that comfort is near,
if you are abandoned when you need a friend, when all good things come to an end,
then hold on to find a way to get through.*

*And when your hope is gone, and you can't hold on, we will hold on to you.
And when it looks like there's no end in sight, know all that is wrong can still be made right.
You're never alone; God has promised to be with us even when we can't see,
so hold on to find a way to get through.*

And when your hope is gone, and you can't hold on, we will hold on to you.

****OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Old Hundredth)**

**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. Amen.**



****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

****HYMN** *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* NCH #400

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* setting, Thomas Chesterton
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

*Join us after the service for coffee hour in the Vestry or
across the street in Fellowship Hall for the All-Church Birthday Party!*

 *Today's altar flowers are given in memory of Adelaide T. Langbein
by the Edward E. Langbein, Jr. family.* 



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