



\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

We praise You for the shocking miraculous truth, God, that we can always be - that we need to always be born again; that daily, You welcome us into a surprising new life, the wonderful, creative, unpredictable world of Your Spirit, and that all we can do is allow ourselves to be pushed -birthed, by Your grace, into new experiences of Your reign. Here we are, O God; Let us be, once more, in this moment, in this place, born yet again so that new life might begin. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Communion Song” J. PAUL WILLIAMS & JAMES STEVENS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Why do we settle, O God, for only being born once, or even twice, as if the world never changes, as if everything is just fine the way it is and we have no need for new life, new encounters with You, new promptings of Your Spirit, and new awakenings in our souls? We turn Your invitation into a mark of our own achievement, as if Your life is anything other than an extravagant gift, as if the glimpses of Your reign that we receive are earned, or deserved, or make us somehow ‘better’ than others. Forgive us and help us to see the shocking miraculous truth, that we need to always be born again; that daily, You welcome us into a surprising new life when we boldly takes risks even when it makes no sense to us to do so. Amen.

~Moment for Silent Reflection~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*Gloria Patri  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end, amen. Amen.

THE PEACE  
L: The peace of Christ be with you!  
P: And also with you!

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 4:1-5 (Pg. 51)

NEW TESTAMENT John 3:1-8 (Pg. 93)

EPISTLE Hebrews 13:5-8 (Pg. 227)

L: Word of God for the people of God  
P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Where New Life Might Yet Begin: Risks Taken” Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 494 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

DEDICATION OF OFFERING  
\*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
(see insert)

SENDING

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

HYMN NO. 610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

POSTLUDE “Be Thou My Vision” ARR. JEFF BENNETT

(\*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)