



\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! Our souls long for the refreshment of Your presence, where You withhold no good thing from those who delight in You, who put their trust in You. Lift up our hearts that we may sing with joy in Your presence and carry the music of the living God to all the earth. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We search for joy and meaning in our world. We look for it in our careers, our social circles, and along many of our paths in life. But these things are often fleeting, and our search is unsustainable. God forgive us for not seeking Your kingdom first. Remove those blinders that prevent us from seeing what You are doing in the world and in our lives. Help us to have our eyes focused only on You. May we seek the ultimate treasure which is Your salvation. Help us to delight in You knowing we are a forgiven people, who find joy in the assurance that we are Yours. In Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI (Pg. 581 in red hymnal)  
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 Psalm 37:1-9 (Pg, 510)

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 15: 1-10 (Pg. 77)

EPISTLE Romans 7:18-25 (Pg. 157)

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

SERMON “Joy or Delight?” Pastor Nicki

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

APOSTLES’ CREED (Pg. 35 in red hymnal)

SENDING

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HYMN NO. 623 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

POSTLUDE

“Showers of Blessings”

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