GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak
❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE........................................“Prelude and Fugue in F Minor” J.S. Bach

WELCOME

PIANO INTROIT ................................ “Prelude in C Major” J.S. Bach

❖CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 1:10-12)
Give thanks to the Lord; call on God’s name;
made known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God;
tell of all God’s wonderful works.
Glory in God’s holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Come, let us worship God!

❖HYMN .........................“Come, Thou Almighty King”.............................. #2
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❖CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER
Holy God, we try to keep you close to us, but in the process, we push our neighbors away. We have been distracted in a distracting world and withheld love from each other and from you. (a time for silent confession) Have mercy on us, O God. In your compassion, cleanse and release us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

❖ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

❖AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US
The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.
HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Eternal God, you have made us in your image. Let our hearts, minds and spirits be turned to you in this time so that the Holy Spirit may bring us closer to the Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52, pg. 1393
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE
The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN
“Be Thou My Vision”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of Belhar)
We believe: that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (p. 35 in the hymnal)

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY
Genevan Psalter (Public Domain)
GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

HYMN ............ “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me” ............ #543
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SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE...................................................... “Prelude in C Minor” J.S. Bach

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Offering Counters: Darly Doyle & Sue Wexler

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