

**SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018 · 10:00 AM**

(\* Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals, bulletins & wireless hearing aids are available. Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Londonderry Air" arr Barbara Kinyon  
Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader .... Why is this day different from all the other days  
of the week?

**People.... This is the Lord's Day;  
let us be glad and rejoice in this day,  
set apart for rest and remembering and thanks-giving!**

**All ..... All blessing and honor and glory and power  
and riches and wisdom and strength be to the Lamb  
who was slain! Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow" # 131

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Danielle Sexton

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**Holy and Merciful God,  
we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
and we know too well our constant failure  
to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word.**

**Forgive us for the divisions we nurture,  
guide us to your way, keep us in your care,  
and lead us into faith.**

**We trust your word that the Spirit of truth  
will show us all things and grant us courage and peace.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" # 316 (v1)  
**Breathe on me, Breath of God. Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 37:1-14  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 625

**ANTHEM** "Come and Be Among Us, Lord" Lloyd Larson

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:22-27  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 120

CHILDREN'S TALK Pastor Sam  
(4yr to Gr1 invited upstairs to Activity Period in 203. Children leave through front exits)

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 5

Readers Theater Participants:  
Ryan Fish, Amy Garcia, Don Hanson, Joanie Lewis  
Sam Pendergrast, Barbara Rhodes, Tom Trace, Gail Tucker

**SERMON** Reader's Theater

Congregation Participation:

"At the Name of Jesus" # 148 (v1)

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

"Be Thou My Vision" # 339 (v2)

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
Thou my inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.**

"Be Thou My Vision" # 339 (v3)

**Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Hear of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

"Jesus Loves Me" #304 (v1)

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so**

\*HYMN "Blessing and Honor" # 147

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune  
God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and  
serve.**

**The Holy Spirit is the wonderful, mysterious and powerful  
presence of God. The Spirit heals, teaches and protects, and  
is the seen and unseen action of God in our lives.**

**The church is our home, a community that gathers to provide a  
place for worship, to seek help and talk to God, to learn. The  
church is people who follow Jesus, and is like friends and  
family but more. It is a place of peace.**

**God calls us together to worship, to get us out of ourselves and  
make us one body.**

**God gives us the church and other people to help us be a  
community.**

**God gives us the church so we can learn from each other.**

**We are called to love and respect each other, and to be kind.**

**We hope that the world will live in a community that respects  
one another.**

**We hope for the future that people will have faith, and can be  
free to live their beliefs without persecution and fear.**

**We hope and pray for peace in the world.**

*This statement includes material written by the 2015 & 2017 confirmation classes*

OFFERING

Invitation

**Offertory Music** "God of Grace and God of Glory" arr Cynthia Dobrinski

Song of Praise "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" # 316 (v3)

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine**

\*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Choral Prayer "Come and Fill" Berthier

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

...using "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

\*HYMN "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" # 314

\*BENEDICTION – concluding with

Leader: ... Remember that God is good **People: All the time!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Choir starts followed by Congregation)

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.**

**POSTLUDE** "Toccata on Come Holy Spirit" arr Macchia