

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory "O that I Had a Thousand Voices" Charles Ore

*Doxology Hymn 609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

To the tune "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

*HYMN No. 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

(9:00) "Be With Us All, Lord"

-Uzee Brown, Jr.

(11:15) "Song of Hope"

Hymn 765

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

Praying, let us work for peace;

singing, share our joy with all;

**working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

*(9:00 ONLY) THE PEACE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM AND 11:15 AM WORSHIP

(Where you see an asterisk (), please stand if you are able)*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

-Emma Lou Diemer

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

WORDS OF WELCOME

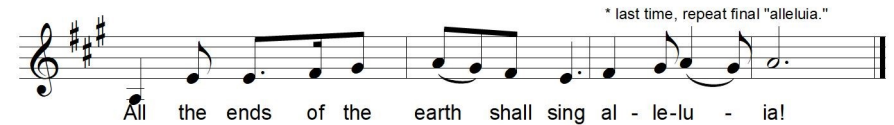
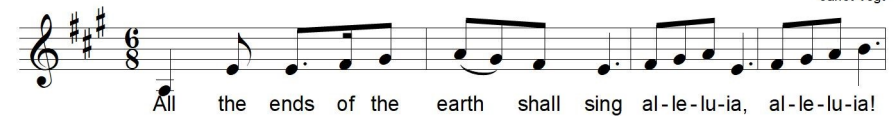
(9:00) Deannine Shipman (11:15) Allison Maus

INTROIT

All the Ends of the Earth Shall Sing

The refrain will be introduced by the piano, then the choir/cantor. The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain as invited by the cantor

Janet Vogt



* last time, repeat final "alleluia."

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*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19:7,8,10)

Michael Ozaki

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: **The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

People: **More desired are they than fine gold;
sweeter also than the drippings of the honeycomb.**

*HYMN No. 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dean Lindsey

Most holy God, we lay before you words that we wish we could unspeak, for they were uttered in haste and without thinking. We have damaged the cause of truth, and we are sorry. We lay before you words spoken with malice, for they were spoken with the intent of causing injury. We have brought harm to others, and we are sorry. We lay before you our silence kept when it would have been better to speak, for we lacked courage. We failed to stand for what is right, and we are sorry.

We pray that you would bridle our tongues and help us to think before we speak. Guide us to use our words to build up rather than to tear down, and help our tongues to lead us and others to maturity in faithfulness to Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(11:15 ONLY) THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

(please greet those sitting around you, especially taking time to welcome those who are visiting)

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(9:00) Carrie Miller
(11:15) Karen Neff

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 4:1-5

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

(9:00) "Speak the Truth in Love" -Stephanie S. Taylor
Chancel Choir

Translation from Swahili:

Ongea, ongea ukweli = Speak, speak the truth.

Ongea, ongea kwa upendo = Speak, speak in love.

(11:15) "O for a Thousand Tongues" -James Koerts
Connie Curilla

(9:00) COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS

(see insert for Litany)

Deannine Shipman

(9:00) ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

See "Children in Worship"

SONG AFTER CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn 487, verse 2

"These Treasured Children"

**Our ancient story we shall tell,
till these our children know it well
within their souls and minds and hearts,
for this is where their journey starts.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: James 3:1-12

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SERMON

Dean Lindsey

"Is Speech a Right, a Privilege, or a Responsibility?"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN NO. 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*AFFIRMATION

From "A Declaration of Faith", *Our Confessional Heritage*

God sent his son to proclaim release to those who are bound. We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.