

**Yet, Jesus taught us: “No one can serve two masters.”
Give us strength and courage to get our priorities
straight: help us to seek your kingdom first.
Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world,
and to be friends with the people you call us to serve.
Help us also to remember that our best relationship is
the one we have with you. We pray in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: “The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and willing to yield.”

People: **Such wisdom is “full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.” (James 3:17).**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we are given a new way to live.

People: **Let us accept God’s grace, and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.**

***(11:15 ONLY) THE PEACE**

Leader: “A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.” (James 3:18)

People: **Let us make peace, by sharing the peace of Christ with one another.**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **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) Ken Bachman

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9:30-37 Page 821

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

(9:00) “Peace Prayer” -John Foley
Chancel Choir

(11:15) “Give Me Jesus” -Moses Hogan
Erin McDaniels

(9:00) **ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN** Deannine Shipman
See “Children in Worship”

(9:00) **PRESENTATION OF SECOND GRADE BIBLES** (see insert)

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 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Page 982

SERMON “Wisdom from Above” Dean Lindsey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN NO. 753** “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from “A Brief Statement of Faith”
(front of red hymnal, page 37, paragraph 2)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory “Chant de Paix” -Jean Langlais
*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