

***Prayer of Confession**

(Unison Prayer of Confession, adapted from The Church of Scotland Prayers)

O Lord, You are the God who freely loves us, who knows us through and through. In Jesus Christ you walked among us and demonstrated a love so perfect, that all human history will unravel before we will comprehend its depth, width, and height. It is tragic how poorly we reflect that love. How often we shrink from the inheritance of being your children; how readily we shirk the responsibility to love as we have been loved. Hear us as we confess the ways we inhibit the fruitful living of others, as we own up to the damage we do to this world and to ourselves. We confess our shortcomings before you in penitence and faith. Restore us anew, and shape us in your ways. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response to Confession** *"We Are Forgiven"* Hymn #447

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Registers

See the insert regarding information on the life and work of our congregation.

Time with Children

We Hear God's Word

First Reading **Ephesians 1:3-14** Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 192

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music ***"Lead Me, Lord"*** GF Handel

*Lead me, Lord, lead me evermore; lead me in Thy righteousness now and ever more.
Let Thy love, Thy tender mercies be upon me, for Thy law is my delight;
quicken me in Thy loving kindness. Teach me, Lord, the way of Thy statutes; teach me, Lord,
all Thy commandments, for Thy law is my delight.*

Second Reading **Mark 6:14-19** Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 40

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"More Than We Can Perceive"* Rev. Dr. Julie Allen Berger

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn** *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"* Hymn No. 839

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Korinna Elise Wunderlich
Parents: Kurt and Ashley Wunderlich
Sponsors: Lisa Nikodem and Cindy Wunderlich
Assisting Elder: Erica Wunderlich

The Congregation responds:

Korinna, we joyfully welcome you into the family of faith. Trusting in the gracious love of God offered in Jesus Christ, we promise to nurture, encourage, and support your journey of faith from this day forward. Remembering our own baptisms, we give thanks to God for the gift of being called together, united by the Holy Spirit, in order to be the body of Christ, now and forever.

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Solo ***"How Can I Keep From Singing"*** arr. Curt Oliver

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I catch the sweet, though far off hymn,
that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?*