Offertory Anthem

“The Image of God”
text: Susan Boersma
music: Craig Courtney

In the beginning God shaped and formed me. I am skillfully and wonderfully made.
I am the image of my Creator. In every part of me His likeness is displayed.
Life flows from life and love from loving; gifts of the Father by nature and by grace.
A heart made glad, a soul unshaken; unbounded joy, in every breath a song of praise.
For His own purpose, God shaped and formed me. I am His; I have a place within His plan.
I am the image of my Creator. My past and future are secure within His hand.

*Doxology
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

*Hymn
“The Lord Is God”
Hymn No. 63

*Benediction

Choral Response
“Peace I Leave With You”
Matthew Glandorf

Organ Postlude
“Allegro”
Denis Bedard

The Postlude signifies the conclusion of worship.
We invite you to remain seated until the music concludes.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor
Larry Erwin, Liturgist

Music Ministry: Carillon Ringers; Chancel Choir;
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries; Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Stream Host: Frank Darr

Ushers: John Becker, Al Hinton, Walt Jaschek, Charlie Kuhnmuench,
Missy Kuhnmuench, Rich Massey, Alice Philpott
Art McDonnell, Usher Captain

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude signifies the beginning of worship. Let us join together in a time of prayerful preparation as the music begins.

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

We Gather to Worship God

Bell Prelude

“Give Thanks” arr. Susan Geschke

We Address Ourselves to God

based on Psalm 146

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever:

People: who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

People: The Lord watches over the strangers;
the Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,

Leader: The Lord will reign forever, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

*Processional Hymn

“God Is Here!” Hymn No. 409

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (The people joining)
Gracious God, you call us each by name. Yet you also call us into community. We admit that there are times when we are more focused on our wants than the needs of others. Help us to remember that life in faith is one that concerns itself with our neighbors, those we know as well as those we don’t know. May we remember that our actions impact others and to use our power and possibilities wisely. Show us the way to balance our lives between us and them. We ask these things in the name of your son who offers us healing and hope that we might share it with others. Amen.

*Silent Confessions

*Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response “We Are Forgiven” Hymn No. 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 the Children

Presentation of 6th Grade Bibles

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading Ruth 1:1-18 Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 241

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

Bell Anthem “Jubilee for Bells” Barbara Kinyon

Second Reading Mark 12:28-34 Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 49

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

Sermon “The Balancing Act” Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn “For All the Faithful Women” Hymn No. 324

stanzas 1 sung by all; stanza 2 sung by high voices; stanza 3 sung by low voices; stanza 4 sung by all

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

Offering of the People