

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Bonnie Mecaughey

Can a woman forget her nursing child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern,
and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving him-
self up for us as an offering and a sweet-smelling
sacrifice to God.

Offering

Offertory *O Love that Will Not Let Me Go*

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

O Mighty One, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—our selves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.
Amen.

 **Hymn 124**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

Help with a Heavy Load

Celia Weber

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and revealed them to infants. ²⁶ Yes, Father, because this was your good pleasure. ²⁷ All things have been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son desires to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Sermon

"Resting in Jesus"
Rev. Tim Latham

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 **Hymn**

Abide with Me

*Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless abide with me*

*Verse 2
Thou on my head in early youth didst smile
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee
On to the close Lord abide with me*

Verse 3

*I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me*

Verse 4

*I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death where grave thy victory
I triumph still abide with me*

Verse 5

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death Lord abide with me*

! Profession of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
Of God, the Father almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body and life everlasting.**

Prayers of the People

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

! Hymn 435

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

! Benediction & Blessing

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
Linda Gyraht, Dennis Lesher*

 **Postlude**

Carry His Love With You

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