

RESPONSE

HYMN* - I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (#628)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online (rescov.org/give) and yet we believe it is still good and right to give God thanks as part of our worship. If you have offering this morning you are welcome to place it in the basket in the center aisle as we give God thanks.

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

As we continue to navigate the implications of Covid we will have two options for partaking. After coming down the center aisle, you can choose one of the two lines. One will have a common cup for intinction (dipping); the other will have individual cups that can be drank from and then placed in the provided empty tray. Please choose whichever line you feel most comfortable with.

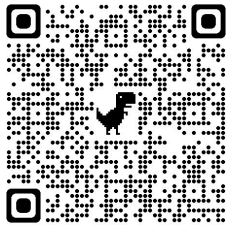
SENDING

SONG* - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (CH #127)

CHARGE & BLESSING*

*Stand, as you are able

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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP* (by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC)

“Teacher,” the crowd asked, “What should we do?”

If you have two shirts, give one away.

Hold onto hope.

Live like we belong to one another.

Speak the truth.

Look for God.

Do the good that is yours to do.

It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

Let us worship our present and active God.

PROCESSION HYMN* - We Light a Candle

We light a candle to reclaim
your mystifying joy,
a stubborn and yet fragile flame
that grief cannot destroy.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

In a weary and worn world,
how do we begin again?
Where do we start?

Let us start small.

Let us begin with what is right in front of us.

**Let us do the good that is ours to do,
and let us do it with joy!**

SONG* - Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Prepare ye, the way of the Lord
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SONG* - Prepare the Way with Quietness (*Protest of Praise*, p. 79)

Prepare the way with quietness,
a stillness in the storm,
that will not speak the wounding words
that cheapen or deform.

Prepare the way with hopeful words
some mock but others crave,
that makes the empire flinch in fear
and turn the fearful brave.

Prepare the way through holding back
while others grasp and strain
for unjust wealth and untamed power
that add to human pain.

Prepare the way with fervent love
that tears down walls of hate
and reconstructs a kinder world
that justice can create.

Prepare the way until we reach
the dawn of that new day
when all our paths converge in Christ,
and we have found our way.

CONFESSION OF SIN (*by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC*)

Liberating God,

There are days when the world can feel like it's crumbling.

There are days when I doubt that I can make a difference.

I ask myself,

What could these two hands do?

What could this one voice say?

Shake me free of my own paralysis and self-doubt.

Remind me that I am not called to fix everything.

I am simply called to do the good that is mine to do.

With hope in my heart and a fire in my bones, I pray.

Amen.

~silence~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Trusting in this good news, join me in proclaiming these words of forgiveness:

We are loved. We are forgiven. We are invited to do the good that is ours to do.

Thanks be to God for this new beginning. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

SONG - Here I Am Lord (CH #685)

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 58:9-12

GOSPEL LESSON*

Luke 3:7-16

SERMON

Do The Good That Is Yours To Do

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