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September 24, 2023

9:15 AM Traditional

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-Philippians 1:6b

## The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices)

Welcome Rev. Matthew Smith

Prelude *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need* arr. Hobby  
Laura Hesse, organ

\*Call to Worship Rev. Geitra Mickelson

Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

**Lord, come into our hearts this day.**

Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

**Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.**

Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

**Lord, we thank You for the many blessings which You pour into our lives.**

\*Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Hymnal No. 158

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Opening Prayer

**As we sing our praise to You, O Lord, we remember the many blessings You have given us. We are mindful of the ways You have lifted us when we have fallen low. Be with us this day as we gather to hear Your word for our lives and receive the gift and promise of Your joy. Amen.**

Anthem *Break Forth in Joyous Song* arr. Biery  
Chancel Choir; Kathy Smith, trumpet

Children Dismissed to Kids Quest

First Lesson Acts 16:25-26 Jen Ita

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\*Hymn *My Life Flows On* TFWS No. 2212  
(How Can I Keep From Singing)

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Response

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Finding Joy - Present Circumstances" Rev. Matthew Smith

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Rev. Geitra Mickelson

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Announcements Rev. Matthew Smith

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Hymnal No. 89

\*Benediction Rev. Matthew Smith

\*Benediction Response *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace* Hymnal No. 668

Postlude *In Thee Is Gladness* arr. Burkhardt  
Laura Hesse, organ

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*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*  
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Response:  
May the Lord write these words upon our hearts. And may we seek to understand them better through our message today.  
**Amen.**

Message "Finding Joy - Present Circumstances" Rev. Matthew Smith

### RESPOND

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:*

And so, with Your people on earth

And all the company of heaven

We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:*

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The pastor invokes the work of the Holy Spirit and the Trinity and concludes:*

All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Meditation

*Even When It Hurts*

Announcements and Giving

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### GO

Closing Song

*Happy Day*

Dismissal with Blessing

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