

9:30 am

November 25, 2018

WE COME TO WORSHIP THE LIVING LORD

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

Introit

(At the sound of the music, the congregation begins the discipline of silent prayer, so all might prepare their hearts and minds for the divine service.)

WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

Call To Worship

Ms. Lauren McGrath

***Prayer of Adoration**

Ms. Lauren McGrath

***Processional Hymn 142**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

WE TURN FROM SIN AND SEEK HOLINESS

Call to Confession

Ms. Cate Marcelli

Prayer of Confession

Ms. Cate Marcelli

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you
with our whole heart and soul
and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
This we ask in Christ Jesus' Name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Children Grade 1-6 will be dismissed to Church School at this time. Church School teachers will be at the rear sanctuary doors to escort your child to Witherspoon Center. Children may be picked up by their parents in Witherspoon, located in the rear parking lot, at 10:45am.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S HOLY WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Ms. Juliet Okorie

(Adapted from the Reformed liturgy of Strasbourg by Martin Bucer (about 1540))

**Almighty and ever gracious God,
since all our salvation depends upon your holy Word:
therefore grant that our hearts
may be set free from worldly things,
so that we may with all diligence and faith hear your Word,
rightly understand your gracious will,
and in all sincerity live according to the same,
to your praise and glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 105:1-6

Ms. Juliet Okorie

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice
**Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
**O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

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This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Stepping Out in Faith
The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Faulkner

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S VOICE

***Hymn of Response 379**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

***Affirmation of Faith** (responsively)

(The antiphonal form of the Apostles' Creed is from the liturgy of Ulrich Zwingli at Zurich, Easter Sunday 1525.)

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All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

Women: and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,

Men: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Women: born of the virgin Mary,

Men: suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

Women: He descended into hell.

Men: The third day he rose again from the dead.

Women: He ascended into heaven

Men: and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.

Women: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Men: I believe in the Holy Ghost,

Women: the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

Men: the forgiveness of sins,

Women: the resurrection of the body,

Men: and the life everlasting.

All: Amen.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
BY OFFERING OUR RESOURCES AND OUR THANKS**

Call to Present Our Offerings to the Lord

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Offertory

A Round of Thanks

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O come, ye thankful people, come, and raise the song of harvest home.
Sing to our God with cheerful voice a simple hymn; rejoice, rejoice!
Our God, our Maker doth provide for all our wants to be supplied.
Thanks be to God.

***Doxology**

No. 592

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Rev. Ms. Craven

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

WE GO FORTH TO PRAY AND SERVE

***Sending Hymn** (see insert)

For the Fruit of All Creation
Glory to God Hymnal #36

***Charge and Pastoral Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Faulkner

(The congregation will please be seated.)

Silent Prayer

Postlude

*Those who are able may stand.