

PRELUDE *Eternal God (Serenity)* by Bill Ingram
St. Mark Handbell Choir

WELCOME

GROW IN FAITH

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Friends, God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God’s love, let us pray together.

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that our trust in you wavers, and that we are fickle in our reliance. We see you provide great things where we see little possibility; but when storms come in life, we quickly turn to fear. We follow you where you give freely; but when we go our own way, we do not recognize your presence. Turn our hearts toward you and help us to see your abundance, your desire to provide, and your knowledge of what we need. Forgive, O Lord, our fear, our ignorance, and our doubt, in Jesus' holy name.

P: God is faithful and has promised forgiveness to all who ask. Claiming that promise, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN *God Is Here!* ELW #526
(The congregation turns to face the processional cross.)

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE ELW p. 149

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER
P: Let us pray.
C: Faithful God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Be Still* by Mary McDonald
St. Mark Chancel Choir

BAPTISM Brenna Rose Bridge

SHARE JESUS CHRIST

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 37:1-11 Pew Bible p. 30

MESSAGE Pastor Bob Bekkerus

HYMN OF THE DAY *How Firm a Foundation* ELW #796

APOSTLES’ CREED
C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

SERVE OTHERS

Today’s communion distribution will be at the rail. Both red wine and white grape juice are offered, and gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to your server. All Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Exit one row at a time from the side aisle and come forward. Please extend both hands palms up to receive the wafer, and then receive either the cup of red wine or white grape juice. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

GREAT THANKSGIVING/HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p.152/153

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER
C: 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 and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 154

COMMUNION *Christ, Be Our Light* ELW #715

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION
P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Rise, Shine, You People!* ELW #665

DISMISSAL
L: God has a mission for us:
C: Grow in faith, share Jesus Christ, serve others. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *How Firm A Foundation*
arr. Marvin Gaspard/Mark Hayes
Denise Wieland, piano
Christopher Ellerston, organ