

**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

**8:30am**

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.  
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.  
*"Be still and know that I am God."* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE "Meditation on *Manna*" – arr. Yoder

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 95*

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;  
Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

\*HYMN "We Gather Together" No. 559

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of extravagant grace, we thank You and praise You for creating this bountiful world to be our home, and for each new dawn of infinite possibilities You spread before us. Forgive us for sowing sparingly, giving reluctantly, and for so often putting up hurdles rather than working to clear a way forward. Have mercy on us and refresh our hearts so that we can hear Your word and be motivated by all the good we can do in the name of Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN "Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)*

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO SECOND GRADERS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *2 Samuel 12:15b-19 (OT p285)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 11:17-21 (NT p161)*

SERMON **Romans: Faith for Dummies** Rev. Robert Bronkema  
*"Humble Branches"*

\*HYMN "Let All Things Now Living" No. 554

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "A Simple Thanksgiving" – Martin Chancel Choir

\*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.*

\*HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" No. 551

\*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

\*POSTLUDE "Postlude on St. George" - Hopson

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**11:00am**

Greeting & Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

*Open Up the Heavens*

*O Come to the Altar*

*10,000 Reasons*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

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Presentation of Bibles to Second Graders

Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 12:15b-19; Romans 11:17-21

Sermon: **Romans: Faith for Dummies**

*"Humble Branches"*

\*Offering/Closing Song

*Jesus Loves Me*

\*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:

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