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Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:30am

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 *"Andante"* – Reinecke

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 96*

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: **Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

*HYMN *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* *No. 150*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we thank You and praise You as the creator of a universe full of wonder and still-hidden mysteries. We confess that in our modern, confusing and fast-changing world, we fail to take the time to pause and reflect on Your glory and unending grace. Forgive us and help us to enter into Your counsel in silence so that we can hear Your call to service in Your name. We pray this in the name of Your nonreturnable gift, Jesus Christ. 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.)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Job 38:1-7 (OT 484)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 11:33-36 (NT 161)*

SERMON **ROMANS: FAITH FOR DUMMIES** Rev. Robert K. Bronkema
"What Can We Know About God?"

*HYMN *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"* *No.563*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"My Shepherd is the Lord"* – Choplin 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 *"To God Be the Glory"* *No. 485*

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

*POSTLUDE *"La réjouissance"* - Handel

Next Week Genesis 3:1-6 Romans 12:1-2 <i>"Christian Ethics"</i>

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship
God of Wonders
Strong God
Do it Again

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message
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Scripture Readings
Job 38:1-7; Romans 11:33-36

Sermon *"What Can We Know About God?"*

*Offering/Closing Song
Lord, I Need You

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
