

ENTRANCE

*Introit

Word of God Come Down
On Earth

Hymn by James Quinn; Tune: LIEBSTER JESU

Word of God come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending Word almighty we revere you Word made flesh we long to hear you

Word that speaks your Father's love one with God beyond all telling Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling Word of truth to all truth lead us Word of life with one Bread feed us

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 1

UMH #182

Happy are those who hear God's Word and follow the ways of the Lord.

God's ways are just and merciful.

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

In all that they do, they prosper.

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. AMEN.

*Hymn of Praise

Love Divine, All Loves
Excelling

UMH #384

Hymn by Charles Wesley; Tune: SAVANNAH

Love divine all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down.

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus thou art all compassion,

Pure, unbounded love thou art.

Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, o breathe thy loving spirit into every trobled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit, let us find that second rest.

Take away our bet to sinning:

Take away our bet to sinning; Alpha and Omega be.

End of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty

Come Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive.

Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,

Serve thee as thy hosts above,

Pray and praise thee without ceasing,

glory in thy perfect love

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee. Changed from glory into glory Till in heaven we take our place Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The Word in Song

This I Pray (A Prayer for Others)

The Church's Letter

Colossians 3:12-17, NRSV 12 Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And

whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of God for the people of God: Thanks be to God

Small Talk & Noisy Offering

Sermon Clothed with Compassion Rev. Jon Snape

*Hymn of Response Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH #549

Latin Hymn; Tune: ST. PETER

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn; Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess And let us love each other well in Christian holiness

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease Be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son As members of his body joined, we are in him made one

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name, Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same Allison Lucille Burtch Katherine Marilene Burtch Caroline Elizabeth Burtch

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Forgiveness UMH #893 Response: Lord, we confess to you.

*Passing the Peace

Offering & Offertory

Kim Spivey

*Doxology

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The Great Thanksgiving

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Receiving Bread and Cup

SENDING FORTH

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

- *Dismissal with Blessing
- *Benediction Hymn