

# WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

## GREETING

PRELUDE *My Lord, What a Morning* Arr. Wilson

## +CALL TO WORSHIP

A mustard seed is the smallest of all the seeds,  
but when it grows it is the greatest of shrubs,  
and the birds come and build their nests in its branches.

**The kingdom of God is coming.**

Yeast that a woman mixes with three measures of flour leavens all of it.

**The kingdom of God is coming.**

Treasure hidden in a field, which someone finds,  
then joyfully sells all he has to buy the field.

**The kingdom of God is coming.**

A merchant searches for fine pearls, and finding one  
sells everything and buys the pearl.

**The kingdom of God is coming.**

Let all who have ears, hear.

**The kingdom of God is coming.**

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+HYMN *How Firm a Foundation* # 529

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*Students and parents are invited to come forward with their backpacks.  
Parents stand behind your children, placing your hands on their shoulders.*

## LITANY

When it's the night before going to school,  
and you're picking out your clothes

and making sure you have all your school supplies...

**Jesus is with you.**

When you're waking up and eating a healthy breakfast to start the day...

**Jesus is with you.**

When you meet your teachers and new friends in your class...

**Jesus is with you.**

When you're praying at night

and thanking God for your family, your friends and your school...

**Jesus is with you.**

## PRAYER

# WE PROCLAIM THE WORD AND RESPOND IN FAITH

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

PSALTER Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks

**and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

**Our God comes and does not keep silent;**

before him is a devouring fire

**and a mighty tempest all around him.**

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,

**that he may judge his people:**

"Gather to me my faithful ones,

**who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"**

The heavens declare his righteousness,

**for God himself is judge.**

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak,

**O Israel, I will testify against you.**

I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
**your burnt offerings are continually before me.**  
Mark this, then, you who forget God,  
**or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.**  
Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;  
**to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God."**

SECOND LESSONHebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

+GOSPEL LESSONLuke 12: 32-40

+ACCLAMATION*Gloria Patri* # 70

SERMON

+HYMN*Through It All* # 507

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES

Announcements & Mission Moment

Offertory*Faith of Our Fathers* Arr. Hughes

Doxology# 94

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+HYMN*O Day of God Draw Nigh* # 730

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE*Walking With Him* Arr. Frick

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# Service of the Word

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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August

Monticello  
United Methodist Church

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