

**Order of Worship**  
**August 27, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Homecoming**

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 138)

Leader: Let us give thanks to the LORD with our whole hearts; let us sing his praise;

**People: On the day I called out to God, he answered me and increased my soul's strength.**

Leader: All the kings of the earth shall praise the LORD, for they have heard the words of his mouth.

**People: And we shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of our God.**

**All: The LORD will fulfill his purposes for us; therefore we will praise his name, for the steadfast love of God, endures forever.**

\*Hymn: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" # 441

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

**God of the ages, you call us to walk seemingly impossible paths in our lives; but we often find ourselves stuck in the mud of what we can do on our own. You call us to trust you with our unknown future; but we prefer to stay with what we can see and understand. You call us to live by faith in you; but we find it difficult to live beyond our own abilities. Forgive us Lord. Send your Holy Spirit to us and empower us to live more faithfully as your chosen people, trusting in your love and care for us each and every day. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

Confession Response: "Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us." # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

\*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

**HEARING THE WORD**

Let the Children Come

Hymn Medley insert

Scripture Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Sermon: "The God-Powered Butterfly Effect"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Special Music: Phillip Pershing – "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"  
The other children will sing with him.

**Eucharist**

Invitation to the Table

May the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

\*Doxology # 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" # 438

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response: "God be with you til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you til we meet again."