

Order of Worship
November 12, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "Spirit of the Living God" # 322

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 78:13-15 & 24)

Leader: On behalf of his chosen people, God divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.

People: In the daytime God led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

Leader: God split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave the people drink abundantly as from the deep.

People: God rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.

All: They were not more precious than we are to God.

Therefore, will not our God do as much for us, when we are in need?

*Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" # 469

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Loving God, we hear of wars and rumors of wars and of earthquakes and troubles everywhere. We hear so much about how terrible the future is expected be and it seems like nothing can be done. So, we are tempted to lose hope for the future and in fear we hold on more tightly to what we have. Help us, in this restless time, to be still and trust in your goodness, to be quiet and to listen for your voice of love, and to become even more sensitive to your peaceful presence with us always. Remind us of who you are and who you have called us to be so that we might be lights in the darkness of our world. In the name of Christ Jesus, 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

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a & 14-25

Sermon: "Confirmation at Shechem"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way Lord" insert

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: "Here I Am Lord" # 525

*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."