

PREWORSHIP MUSIC & PRELUDE *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* Mr. Cody Eckenrode

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP and CONFESSION – Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Pastor: O, LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

*All: You know when I sit down or stand up.
 you know my thoughts even when I'm far away.*

Pastor: You see me when I travel and when I rest at home.

All: You know everything I do and think.

Pastor: You know what I am going to say, even before I say it, LORD.

*All: You go before me and follow me.
 You place your hand of blessing on my head.*

Pastor: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!

*All: I can never escape from your Spirit!
 I can never get away from your presence.*

Pastor: If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there.

All: If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans -

Pastor: even there your hand will guide me.

All: Even there, your strength will support me.

Pastor: If I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—

*All: but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day.
 Darkness and light are the same to you.*

Search me, O God, and know my heart.

Test me and know my anxious thoughts.

Point out anything in me that offends you.

Lead me along the path of everlasting life.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: In sorrow so deep, we cannot find our way out, God cradles us in comfort.

In moments so shadowed we trip over our sin or stumble in fear, God lights the way for us.

In joy which cascades into our souls, God fills us with healing.

*All: Even when we cannot see it, God's hope is all around us,
 surrounding us with peace and healing.*

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

Amen!

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

HYMN

Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit

Hymnal, #464

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 27:41-28:22

Ms. Rachael Wertz

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Matthew 13:24-43

STUDY SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Laura C. Baker

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mr. Cody Eckenrode

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Liturgist: We've all heard it said that "actions speak louder than words," and this is an opportunity for us to speak volumes without saying a single word. When we present our gifts to God through the church, we are proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Let us offer them with a prayer.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: God of all gifts, we pray that through the gifts we present today, we reflect the overflowing generosity we have received in our lives. Bless these offerings today that they might be used to further your Kingdom Life here and now. Work through each of us and through the ministries of this congregation that we might glorify you in all we do. Amen.

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me

Hymnal, #256

BENEDICTION

Pastor: As we go from here, hear again the promises of God, made long ago to our ancestor Jacob, and still true for us today:

*All: I am the Lord your God,
the God of Abraham and Isaac.
Know that I am with you,
and will keep you wherever you go.
I will not leave you
until I have done everything that I have promised.*

Pastor: Let's go from here
in the assurance that our faithful God goes with us.

All: Amen.

SUNG BENEDICTION

Father, Bless Us as We Part

Hymnal, #510

POSTLUDE