

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the  
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our  
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the  
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the  
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march  
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white  
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 God, true to our na - tive land.

**PRELUDE**

**GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 90, The Message translation)

Pastor: God has been our home forever.  
 All: *From "once upon a time" to "kingdom come"— God is God!*  
 Pastor: God, we know you are with us!  
**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**  
 Pastor: You have showered your love upon all generations,  
 since the beginning of time.  
 All: *From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.*  
 Pastor: Guide us now through this time of worship,  
 and into the week ahead.  
 All: *From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.*

**HYMN** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* **Hymnal, #205**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (Based on Mark 8:34)

Pastor: Jesus said, "If any would come after me, let them deny themselves; take up their cross and follow me." Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: *Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love. And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share your love with others. We are selective about who we choose as neighbors - only those who are clean, who look like us, who talk right, who seem safe. Loving God, teach us to love you more fully. For in loving you, our lives will show love to all others, even as your love encompasses all your creation, in all generations. We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as you choose again this day to love God and to love one another, know that God has forgiven you that which is past and offers you a new and full life.  
 All: *Praise be to God, now and forever. Amen.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Gloria Patri* **Hymnal, #493**

**A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deuteronomy 34:1-12

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON

Rev. Laura C. Baker

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM TEACHING

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Cathy Rentzel

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: God is the giver of all good things, the one who created each of us with unique gifts, that together, make the Body of Christ whole. In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our skills, our money, and in so doing, we say “yes” to God’s invitation to join in God’s Kingdom building work here on earth. Let us offer all we share in song and prayer.

HYMN

We Give Thee but Thine Own (Verse 1, only)

Hymnal, #258

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Bountiful God, all that we offer you stems from your generosity. May the gifts that we return to you become a blessing for your whole community, enriching and empowering us for the work to which you call us. Amen.

HYMN

The Lord be with us as We Bend

Hymnal, #33

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go to celebrate the God who is our home forever.  
All: God’s love goes with us!  
Pastor: Go to follow Christ’s example in loving God, self, and neighbor.  
All: God’s love goes with us!  
Pastor: Go with the Holy Spirit to change the world with love.  
All: God’s love goes with us!

POSTLUDE

James Weldon Johnson, 1921; alt.

First system of musical notation for 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' with lyrics: 1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

Second system of musical notation with lyrics: har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

Third system of musical notation with lyrics: rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

Fourth system of musical notation with lyrics: roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the