The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth in the Christian church.

GATHERING

Prelude  "Festive Trumpet Tune" David German
Amy Bender, organist

Lighting of the Candles
Presentation of God’s Holy Word

Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you find at the end of each pew. If you are joining us for the first time today, please complete the blue sheet.

Welcome and Announcements
Leader: Let us hear of God’s steadfast love in the morning!
People: We put our trust in God!
Leader: Teach us, Lord, the way we should go.
People: We put our trust in you, O Lord!
Leader: May your Spirit lead us on a level path.
People: For you are our God, and we trust you!

* Prayer (unison)
In your faithfulness, Lord, reveal yourself to us this day.
Our spirits fail. We grow weary. Our souls thirst for you like a parched land.
Make haste to answer us, O Lord!
For we know of your steadfast love, and trust in you to deliver us.
Make us ready to encounter you,
For we come in faith and eagerness to receive. Amen.

* Opening Hymn 467 “Trust and Obey” TRUST AND OBEY

Blessing of the Backpacks

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles (9:00)

Response of Congregation to Children:
We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We promise to learn with you and grow together in love for God’s Word.

Special Music “Just a Little Talk With Jesus” Cleavant Derricks, arr. Stan Pethel
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Becky Biede, Jon Nixon, Noralee Starr, Dean Williams

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer
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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory “Let Me Ride (Swing Down Chariot)”
Traditional, arr. Roger Emerson

* Doxology UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn of Preparation 121 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” WELLESLEY