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

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
"Tune for the Oboe"  
G. Martin

Amy Bender, organist

Lighting of the Candles

Presentation of God’s Holy Word

Assisting the Ushers today are  
Sam Cornelius and Leland Kranz.

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

Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Dana Ludwig, Liturgist

Choral Benediction

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  

* Postlude  
"Toccata"  
G. Young

Altar flowers are presented by Bill Wolfgang in memory of wife Judy’s birthday, January 10.

If you would like to order flowers in memory of loved ones, to celebrate an anniversary, or offer them to the Glory of God, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440-255-5899.

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**Call to Worship**

from 2 Corinthians 12
Leader: We gather to worship One who is holy and true.
People: We will boast in the Lord!
Leader: Even in our weaknesses and difficulties, Christ’s power is at work.
People: We will boast all the more gladly because God’s grace is sufficient for our needs.
Leader: Let us delight in the Lord.
People: We will hold tight to the One who offers us strength, power, and life.

**Opening Prayer (unison)**

Holy and True God, Giver of grace, and source of strength and power, Encourage us in our faith.
Help us to persevere in the challenges we face, patiently enduring and remaining steadfast in every trial.
Your grace is sufficient for all our needs.
In Jesus’ name, fill us to overflowing. Amen.

**Opening Hymn 399**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” MESSIAH

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Anthem**

9:00 Canticle Bells “A Song of Hope” John A. Behnke
11:00 Chancel Choir “O Great God” Joey Hoelscher

**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.

**Scripture Reading**

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

“Overcome” Rev. Sondra Snode
Jesus Challenged 7 Churches in Revelation Today we visit Philadelphia

**Send Forth**

* Hymn 733 “Marching to Zion” MARCHING TO ZION

* Pastoral Benediction

* Members of the congregation stand if able.