Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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

GATHERING

Prelude
“Immortal, Invisible”
Gerald Peterson
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

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn 159
“Lift High the Cross”
CRUCIFER

* Pastoral Benediction

* 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
“Postlude”
Anton Bruckner

Altar flowers are presented in appreciation of our music ministry.

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
Paula Langdon, Liturgist
Leader: Let us come together and receive the blessing of the Lord.
People: For we are God’s people, and God desires to bless us!
Leader: Let our hearts be open and our minds ready to comprehend.
People: Jesus makes us whole.
All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

* Prayer (unison)
Holy God, your mercy and grace restore and renew. Forgive us when we seek after our own desires. Instead, fill our hearts with the joy and wonder of your Almighty presence.
Lead us.
Shepherd us.
Heal us, we pray.
We welcome all you have to offer. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

* Opening Hymn 384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” BEECHER

Anthem
9:00 “Four Short Pieces iii. Allegretto” Howard Ferguson
Tracy Paroubek, clarinet
11:00 “How Great Thou Art” arr. Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir

* 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 190 “Who Is He in Yonder Stall” WHO IS HE

Scripture Reading Revelation 2:18-29 New Testament page 868
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 Thyatira