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

GATHERING

Prelude  “Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals”  Sigfrid Karg-Elert
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

* Choral Benediction
Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
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  “Praise Everlasting”  David Paxton

* Members of the congregation stand if able.

Altar flowers are presented by Glenn and Kay McKinney in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary on July 22.

Pulpit flowers are presented by Ginny Keller in loving memory of Ted, Geneva, and Bill Keller.

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
Rev. Beverly Wrobel, Liturgist
Leader: Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you.
People: You do not desire a sacrifice or I would offer one.
You do not want a burnt offering.
Leader: The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.
You desire a repentant heart, O God.
People: We gather in your Holy Name, O Lord, in need of your grace and mercy.

Prayer (unison)
Holy God, we come ready to receive all you have to offer. We empty ourselves so that you may fill us. We humble ourselves so that you will transform us. Come, Lord, and satisfy our deepest longings. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn 61 “Come, Thou Almighty King” ITALIAN HYMN
Special Music “A Song from the Heart” Eric Ewazen
Tracy Paroubek, clarinet

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 “Meditation from Thais” Jules Massenet

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 397 “I Need Thee Every Hour” NEED

Scripture Reading New Testament page 683 Matthew 5:1-3
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Sondra Snode
Beat the Heat with the Beatitudes: Week 1
“A Willingness to Receive”

SENDING FORTH

Hymn 526 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” CONVERSE