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

GATHERING

Prelude

“Prelude and Fugue in C”         J.S. Bach
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

Altar flowers are presented by Kathy Barton in loving memory of Chuck Barton, husband.

Pulpit flowers are presented by Jim Lodge in loving memory of Bev Lodge, wife, mother, and grandmother.

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* 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

“Psalm XIX”         B. Marcello

* Members of the congregation stand if able.
Leader: Let us seek the Lord with our whole heart.
Let us hide God's word in our heart so that we will not forget.

People: I praise you, O Lord, for you teach me your ways.
I rejoice in following you, for you are life to me.

Leader: Let us meditate on God's goodness.
Let us recount the riches of God's grace.

People: I sing praises and delight in God.
I rejoice in the God of my salvation.

Prayer (unison)
Loving God, we are grateful for the gift of your grace. We are undeserving, and on our own we would be lost and confused. Thank you for offering us strength in our weakness, direction in our chaos, hope in our despair, and love on our very worst day.
Help us receive all you have to offer us, today, and every day. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

* Call to Worship Kate Colbw (9:00) Paula Langdon (11:00), Liturgist

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts
Offertory
11:00 “Mercy” Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

* Doxology
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 378 “Amazing Grace” AMAZING GRACE

Scripture Reading New Testament page 827 Ephesians 2:1-10
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Heading in the Wrong Direction Rev. Sondra Snode

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn 370 “Victory in Jesus” HARTFORD