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SERVICE OF THE WORD
January 15, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Early American Hymns* arr. George Shearing

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Surely the Presence of the Lord* #328
**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings; I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

WELCOME Rev. Amanda Davis

*HYMN OF WELCOME *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* #371
**I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.**

Refrain

**How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me!**

**For me it was in the garden he prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."
He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat-drops of blood for mine.**

Repeat Refrain

**In pity angels beheld him, and came from the world of light
To comfort him in the sorrows he bore for my soul that night.**

Repeat Refrain

**He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.**

Repeat Refrain

**When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me.**

Repeat Refrain

LIFE OF THE CHURCH *2022 Mission Impact* Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Rev. Amanda Davis

MINISTRY IN MUSIC *Precious Lord Take My Hand
with I Need Thee Every Hour* Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir

Presented in memory of Richard Jenkins

(Congregation with Choir)

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home, lead me home.**

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone; hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee, I come to thee.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

(Choir Only)

*Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
I need thee every hour, most precious Lord.*

DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow* #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed, #881* Rev. Amanda Davis

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI *Glory Be to the Father* #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN Children's Ministry Staff

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Abide with Me (verses 1 & 3)* #700

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

SCRIPTURE Rev. Lance Richards

Acts 2:41-47

The word of God for us, the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Rev. Lance Richards

Presence: The Power of Christian Community

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lance Richards

THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Lance Richards

Our Father which 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, for ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR Rev. Lance Richards

*HYMN OF BLESSING *Blessed Be the Tie that Binds* #557

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one our comforts and our cares.**

**We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

**When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *We are the Church (Refrain, vs. 1, Refrain)* #558
Refrain

**I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together! All who follow Jesus,
All around the world! Yes, we're the church together!**

**The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.**

Repeat Refrain

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* Oliphant Chuckerbutty

*Please stand as you are able.