

9:00 a.m.

**Early Service**

September 10, 2017

Entering God's Presence

**\*Surely the Presence of the Lord** (Sing twice)

Lanny Wolfe

*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.*

\*Expressing Our Joy

*Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.*

**People: We choose the living God.**

*Leader: The road is narrow that leads to life.*

**People: We will walk the way of Christ.**

*Leader: Faith is not about holding on.*

**People: Faith is about letting go.**

*Leader: We offer more than words, O God.*

**People: We offer you our lives.**

\*Hymn 469 (Blue Hymnal)

**Morning Has Broken**

BUNESSAN

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

*Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden  
from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts.  
Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain  
desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our  
faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength.*

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Life in the Community

\*Hymn 267 (Blue Hymnal)

**All Things Bright and Beautiful**

ROYAL OAK

Psalm 46 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 489-490 in the pew Bible.]

Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 36-37 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation

**"Be Still, and Know that I am God!"**

The Rev. Vance Polley

Dedicating Our Lives, Gifts, and Tithes

Offertory

(You are invited to bring your offering to God forward and place it on the Communion Table at the front of the sanctuary. You may come down the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.)

\*Song 219 (Green Songbook)

**We Give You Thanks** (Sing twice)

LOCKWARD

*We give you thanks. We give you praise.*

*For you are kind, you are love, you are God!*

*We give you thanks.*

\*Prayer of Dedication, concluding with the *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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

\*Song 37 (Green Songbook)

**For the Music of Creation**

NETTLETON

\*Blessing

\*Going Out into the World

\*All those that are able, please stand.