

9:00 a.m.

Early Service

September 3, 2017

*Welcome to the Early Service. Together, may we rejoice and give thanks for God's loving grace in Christ Jesus our Lord. You will find the worship songs for this service in the green songbook, **Sing! A New Creation** and the blue **Presbyterian Hymnal**.*

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: The Living God has brought us this far on our journey.

People: God has given bread to the hungry and rest to the weary.

Leader: God has shown us the future generations – the children in our midst.

People: And faithful to the divine promise, God has clothed us with salvation and joy.

Leader: What more can we ask of God?

People: To bless us and our children forever and to give us the courage to pray with trust and serve with joy.

***Song 258** (Green Songbook) **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ** LINSTEAD

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 507** (Blue Hymnal) **I Come with Joy**

DOVE OF PEACE

Proverbs 30-33 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 564 in the pew Bible.]

Matthew 21:1-5 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 21 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation

Humility

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Response to God's Grace: 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 No. 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**

The Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*. Please come forward and have a seat on the front pew. Communion is served by intinction, taking a piece of bread and then dipping it in the cup. The wafers in the small basket are gluten-free.)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

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 267** (Green Songbook) **Will You Come and Follow Me** KELVINGROVE

***Blessing**

***Going Out into the World**

***All those who are able, please stand.**