

9:00 a.m.

Early Service

April 15, 2018

Entering God's Presence

***We Are Standing on Holy Ground**

Geron Davis

*We are standing on Holy Ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in his presence.*

***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 our holding on;
People: Faith is letting go.
Leader: We offer you more than words, God;
People: We offer you our lives.*

***Hymn 455 (Blue Hymnal) All Creatures of Our God and King** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Christ Jesus, we share the strengths and frailties of your first disciples. We share their devotion to you. We share their weaknesses: we do not fully trust in your power to heal and to save. Nor do we believe that we share in these gifts. We find your words cloaked in riddle and parable, your actions hard to understand. Yet, Lord, you love us and continually call us to your side. Cleanse our hearts of selfishness and fear; give us the love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Life in the Community

***Hymn 435 (Blue Hymnal) We All Are One in Mission** ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

Micah 6:1-8 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 816 in the pew Bible.]

John 4:7-12 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 226 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon **"The Common Good"** The Rev. Vance E. 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 274 (Green Songbook) If You and I Believe in Christ** Zimbabwe Traditional

*Blessing

*Going Out into the World

*All those that are able, please stand.