

*Early Service*

9:00 a.m.

July 29, 2018

Life in the Community

Entering God's Presence

\*Hymn 343 (Blue Hymnal)

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

**\*We Are Standing on Holy Ground**

Geron Davis

I Kings 19:9b-13a (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 311 in the pew Bible.]

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

Sermon

***It's Not About Me!***

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Response to God's Grace

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.)

\* Expressing Our Joy

Leader: Great God, in Christ you call our name

People: **and then receive us as your own,**

Leader: not through some merit, right or claim,

People: **but by your gracious love alone.**

Leader: Great God, in Christ you set us free

People: **your life to live, your joy to share.**

Leader: Give us your Spirit's liberty

People: **to turn from guilt and dull despair**

Leader: and offer all that faith can do

People: **while love is making all things new.** (Verse by Brian Wren)

\*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 and *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.***

\*Hymn 461 (Blue Hymnal)

***God Is Here***

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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

***Merciful God, in wisdom and compassion, you discern our innermost thoughts and holiest desires. You call us to service out of this intimate knowledge and are not swayed by first impressions. We confess that we do not often view others as you view us. We do not see depth, sincerity, and potential, but form snap judgments and refuse to change them. In this way, we forfeit friendships and hurt others. Forgive us, God, and teach us to see with the heart and not simply to judge by appearances.***

\*Song 277 (Green Songbook)

***The Servant Song***

Richard Gillard

\*Blessing

\*Going Out into the World

\*All those who are able, please stand.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Reassurance of God's Forgiveness