

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Lucy Lanning

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:30-37

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

ANTHEM

If You Trust in God to Guide You

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Wise Or...Clever

Michael W. Yeager

*SONG OF FAITH

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

Hymnal, No. 453

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church
in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity
that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: ...God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Thaxted

David Blackwell

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal, No. 450

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE
CHORAL BENEDICTION

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?

*POSTLUDE

Symphony No. 1

VI. Final- Louis Vierne

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for September 30: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for September is **peanut butter and jelly**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Mike and Karen Girdner.

Looking Ahead:

World Communion Worship and Potluck	October 7
Speaker Panel on Hunger	October 14
Fall Clean-up	October 20

SUNDAY

September 23

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

MONDAY

September 24

6:00 P.M. – Worship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

September 26

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

September 30

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10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

