

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

“*Lift High the Cross*” Sing Stanza 1-4 (Handbell Interlude) Sing Stanza 1

Vesper Handbells

Moklebust

(Musical Interlude)

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

May our prayer, O Christ, awaken all Your human reminiscences, that we may feel in our hearts the sympathizing Jesus. You have walked this earthly vale and have not forgotten what it is to be tired, what it is to know aching muscles. You have not forgotten what it is to feel the sharp stabs of pain, or hunger, or thirst, or grief. You know what it is to be forgotten, to be lonely. You remember the feel of hot and scalding tears running down Your cheeks. We thank You that You were willing to come to earth and share with us the weakness of the flesh, for now we know that You understand all that we are ever called upon to bear. O God, You are able to do more than we ask or expect. So bless us, each one, not according to our deserving, but according to the riches in glory of Christ Jesus or Lord. Hear us now as we pray, each in our own words and our own way.

Moments of Silent Prayer

(Those desiring to come to the altar for a time of intercessory prayer

are welcome to come and kneel or stand.

All are invited to spend these moments in silent prayer seated at your pew.)

The Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(During the playing of the hymn, “Jesus Loves Me”,

children, pre-school through Grade 2, are invited to attend Children's Church in Room 102, Lower Level.

An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones to their room.)

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

THE ANTHEM

“*Oh, My Soul*”

Altar Choir
Becker & Getty

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12
(Pew Bible page No.683)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

Pastor Steve Beutler

LIFE IN THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

“Comforting Grief”

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

(If you are visiting this morning, you are our guest. If Grace U.M. Church is your home, remember that the biblical expectation is that you will give your tithes to your church. May we all remember that giving to God in response to His great love is the most celebrative moment of corporate worship. Today's loose coin offering is dedicated to Relay for Life.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

“*Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling*”

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

Cathy Moklebust

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

“*Nearer, My God, to Thee*”

(The altar of this church is open to you...come.

Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.)

Hymn 528

*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The Living Flame on the altar reminds us that we must carry the message of God's grace and love out from this sanctuary into the world.)

*THE BENEDICTION