

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Musical Interlude

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

All: **O Giving God, we know that we reap what we sow. It is our desire to sow care for the needy, to provide support for Your Church, and to ensure the proclamation of Your Word. We pledge to generously give our gifts and our lives as seed that sprout evidence of Your Kingdom. Let us hear you now as we pray.**

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Amelia Laura Van Horn
(Brian and Jennifer Van Horn - Parents)

At the appointed time, let the congregation respond:

Lord, the responsibility for this little child is too much for any two parents alone. They need the loving support of the fellowship of believers as they train and guide and nurture little Amelia. We give ourselves today, Lord, to that task. We accept the responsibility of helping to bring Amelia to maturity in You. We will uphold her with our love, teach her the word of God, encourage her when she fails, and we will be careful not to bruise this tender bud by harsh words, quick judgments, and cruel criticism. For truly, Father, she is your child, and we want to protect and teach her and to bring her to the moment when she will choose for herself to know You as Savior and Lord of her life.

THE ANTHEM

“Help Me To Pray”

Altar Choir
Bertil Agnestig

During the playing of the hymn, “Jesus Loves Me” children, preschool through Grade 2, are invited to attend Children’s Church in the Multi-Purpose Room, lower level. An adult will meet the children at the sanctuary exit to escort our little ones.

WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 10:17-31

THE PROCLAMATION

Extravagant Generosity

Pastor Chris Roberts

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING GOD 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 tithe 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 Nesting Doves.

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

“They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love”

*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

arr. By Mark Hayes

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

“It is Well with My Soul”

Hymn 377

*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

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“You Are Not Alone”

Altar Choir
John Horman