

✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ HYMN

CH #725

"National Hymn/God of the Ages"

✝ BENEDICTION/BLESSING

Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship this day.** *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*
- ✓ **Our Liturgist today is Colleen Anderson.**
- ✓ **Trustees Meeting,** Tuesday at 5:30 pm.
- ✓ **Thank you to everyone for a very successful Hunters Supper.** We served a lot of soup and sandwiches, and deepened many friendships.
- ✓ **Happy Veterans Day** this Monday. Please say a prayer for those who have and are serving in our Armed Forces.

Please pray:

- **For all active duty forces serving away from home on this holiday weekend.** May you, O Lord, bless our servicemen and women this weekend, and by your Spirit, keep them connected with loved ones no matter how far away they are. Amen.
- **All those who are ill or homebound or in care facilities.**
- **For others in our lives, especially:** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders.

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“✠” *Invites all to stand in body or in spirit*

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**)

Come, take your rest this day,

Lord, free us from the stresses we have endured this week.

Come, put your minds at ease.

Lord, ease the burdens and frustrations of our lives.

Come. For this is the house of the Lord. It is here that you will find peace.

Open our hearts and our spirits, O Lord, to hear your words of peace.

Come, let us Worship God!

✠ OPENING PRAYER

✠ HYMN

CH #276

"We Gather Together"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference.

How foolish we are! Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words, and focus on our anxieties.

Heal us, Lord. Help us know that you have given to us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used for joy and service to others. May your gentle touch and

healing grace bless us, and the world with which we share it. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and always shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

R: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

SPECIAL MUSIC

"America the Beautiful"
sung by Dick Holdhusen

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

✠ HYMN

CH #705

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

A TIME OF PRAYER

R: Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

A TIME OF OFFERING

✠ DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***