

"Deep Roots in Good Soil"
DR. TIM BRUSTER
Psalm 1:1-3, Mark 4:1-9

Traditional Worship
11:00 am
September 30, 2018

WE GATHER

Prelude – Voluntary on "Thaxted"
Kevin Uppercue, arranger

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship – Clap Your Hands Together
David Rasbach, composer

*Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

People: or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
their delight is in the law of the LORD,

on God's ways 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.

Happy are those who serve the Lord with gladness.

**Who walk in the ways of our God; following the paths of love
and righteousness!**

*Hymn 87 – What Gift Can We Bring

What gift can we bring, what present, what **token**?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

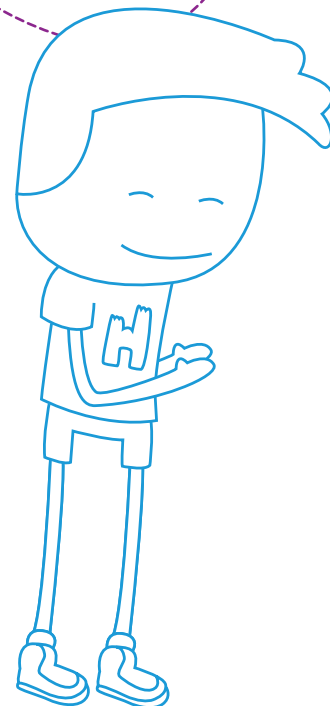
Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

Word of the Day:
Good Soil

Memory Verse:
Some seed fell
into good soil
and bore fruit.
– Matthew 13:8

A token is a sign
of something. For
example, tears
are a token of
sadness.



*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God who has created and is creating,



who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,



who works in us and others by the Spirit.



We trust in God. We are called to be the church.

To celebrate God's presence.

To love and serve others.

To seek justice and resist evil.

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In death



In life



In life beyond death



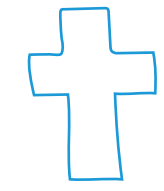
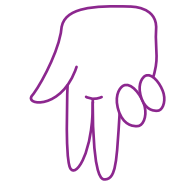
God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

*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 ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

WE PROCLAIM

Sacrament of Baptism

William North Roderick, son of Katie and Kyle Roderick

Baptismal Hymn 191 (vs. 1) – Jesus Loves Me

Follow along in your hymnal.

Congregational Response

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Christ that William North, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Special Music – O Divine Redeemer
Charles Gounod, composer

Scripture – Mark 4:2-9

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn – Christ, You Walked Among the Grain Fields

Christ, you walked among the grain fields, finding lessons all around:

"Like the harvest that the earth yields, so God's kingdom will abound."

"See! A sower goes out planting; some seed grows a hundredfold."

Here on earth you gave us heaven in the stories that you told.

Lord, you shared God's kingdom-bounty, yet you know our pain and need. Some are poor in lands of plenty, often hurt by others' greed.

Some, possessed by their possessions, look for more to buy and keep;

Others long for simpler blessings: "Let my hungry children eat."

Lord, you send us out to labor, to pass on the love you give;

City friend and country neighbor work as one so all may live.

Lending land and tools and vision, sharing costs and planting seed —

Work we love becomes our mission as we serve your world in need.

May our harvest celebration build new food security;

As we care for Your creation, may we find community.

By Your Holy Spirit bless us and may what we grow increase

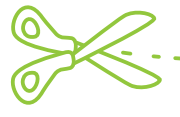
Till the whole world sees new glimpses of Your joyful banquet feast.

Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." This short hymn of praise has been sung by Christians for many centuries.



Baptism: When someone is baptized, it's a chance for all of us to celebrate how much God loves that person. God loves each one of us, not because of anything we do, but simply because we are God's children.

Sermon Snips:
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



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MOST SERMONS CONTAIN A SERIES OF STORIES. NUMBER EACH STORY AND DRAW AN EMOJI FOR HOW THAT STORY MADE YOU FEEL.



If the sermon is about a Bible hero, think of the person in your life who is most like that hero. Write about that person, or make an illustration.



Did you just hear something you disagree with? Argue about it.

Listen. What is something you hear that gives you a sense of wonder? Of peace? Of hope?

Did the sermon remind you of a story from your life? Write about that story... or illustrate it.



WE RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Find the Prayer Cross in your worship kit. The cord has five knots, and there are five parts to the prayer Jesus taught his friends. Hold each knot between your thumb and forefinger as you say the different parts of the 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.

Many years after Jesus went to heaven, the early church added this part of the prayer. Hold the prayer cross close to your heart as you say this part.

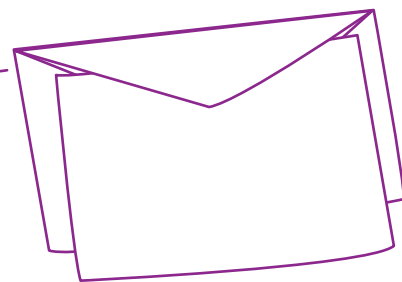


A Time of Giving

Offertory – Ain't Got Time to Die

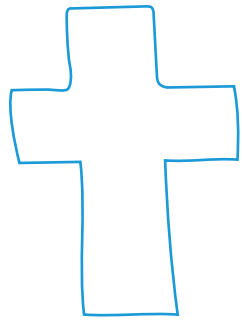
Hall Johnson, composer

Find the offering envelope in your worship kit. Write your first and last name on the envelope, then put in the money you plan to give to the church. Place the **envelope** in the offering plate. Every dollar makes a difference!



*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn 670 – Go Forth for God

Choir — Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Congregation — Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

Congregation — Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.

Congregation — Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go,
and what will we do?

We will go out to be God's people in the world.

May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

*Congregational Closing – Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With every breath I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*Postlude – Toccata Giocosa

Gilbert M. Martin, composer

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Bill Fuller by Gaye, Bill, Bob, and Mary.

The white carnation symbolizes our sympathy to the family and friends of Arch VanMeter.

Worship Leaders:

Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist/Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts

Liturgists: Dr. Mike Marshall, Rev. Linda McDermott, Connie Beck

Faith Like a Child: Mister Mark, Eli Parker, helper

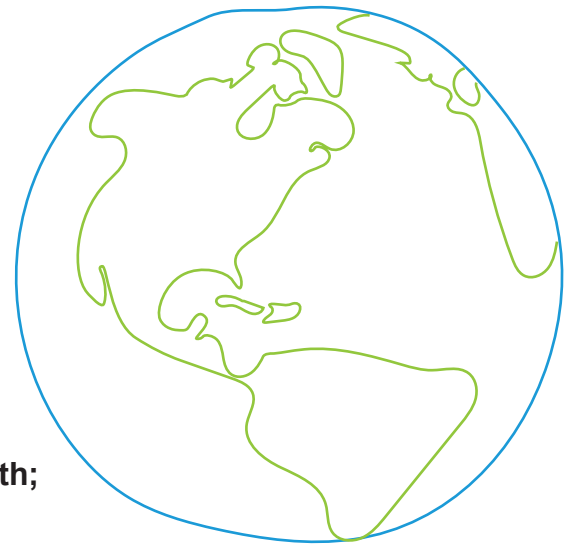
Choir: Choral Union

Soloist: Alison Haygood, soprano, Randy Talley, tenor

Stewardship Speaker: Connie Beck

Acolytes: Rose Grim, Caroline Balch, Madison Ledbetter

*Please stand as you are able.



How are you going to be one of God's people in the world this week?

WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.
God loves you, and so do I.
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel.

Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

