

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

“The Peace may be exchanged”
Meg Cutting, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT

Johann Rudolph Able (1625-1673)

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Blessed Jesus, at Your word we are gathered all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teachings true and holy, drawn from earth to love You solely.

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 40)*

Leader: God has put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

**People Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.**

Leader: God has multiplied His wondrous deeds,
and God’s thoughts toward us.

**People: O God, let Your steadfast love and faithfulness
keep us safe forever!**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263

St. Denio

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need. We become wrapped in our concerns and do not notice those around us. We condone evil, and put up with prejudice, and practice war instead of peace. Help us to admit our sin, God of grace, so that we may repent. Come to us, call to us in mercy, so that we may turn from our ways and follow Your ways. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

KYRIE 574

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(Hymn 223, verse 1)*

Stuttgart

**O my soul, bless your Redeemer; All within me bless God’s name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not all God’s mercies to proclaim.**

ANTHEM

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

“Behold the Lamb of God” *(Messiah)*

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.—*John 1:29*

THE WORD

*After the singing of the anthem, all children are invited to
come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the Children’s Message.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

* HYMN 357

Maryton

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John P. Muller IV

John 1:29-46 *(Pew Bible, page 92 N.T.)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton

“What are you looking for?”

THE RESPONSE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostles’ Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI 579

Henry W. Greatorex (1813-1858)

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.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

America

**Not for this land alone,
But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;
And may the nations see that we must loving be,
And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.**

* INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

spiritual, arr. Jester Hairston (1901-2000)

“I Want Jesus”

I want Jesus to walk with me all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I’m in trouble Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

* DOXOLOGY 592

Old Hundredth

**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.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 418

Ich halte treulich still

“God, Bless Your Church with Strength!”

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

“Finale Jubilante”

Meg Cutting, *organist*

*If you would like someone to pray with you or wish to learn more about the
Christian faith and The Brick Church, you may meet with members of our
Sunday Prayer Team after the service near the pulpit at the front of the Sanctuary.*