

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

“Jesus Loves Me”

Bradbury
L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

VOTUM

INTROIT

“We’ve Come to Worship You”

Key
Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 84)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My heart and my body sing for joy to the living God.

**For a day in your presence is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than live
with princes.**

For the Lord is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #89**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Fill us with your Spirit and make us the people you want us to be. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 1:18

LAW OF GOD

Isaiah 1:16-17

RESPONSIVE READING #32

Psalm 139

(Page 503 Hymnal)

***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.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Plenty Good Room"

Chancel Choir

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Amos 7:7-17 (p. 663 Old Testament)
Acts 4:13-22 (Page 92 New Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #256**

"O Lord of Life"

SERMON

"Are You Plumb"

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Plumb the Line"

Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #146**

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

"Amen"

Smallwood

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Ron & Gayle Dellinger

Ushers: Jane & Jeff DeWitt, Noriko Hawk, Zandt Johnson

Nursery: Ed & Melissa Matson

Fellowship: Ron & Gayle Dellinger

Next week's stewards (**July 28**):

Greeter: Clair Coddington

Ushers: Carole Angrilla, Bill, Jason & Marie Thompson

Nursery: Zandt & Brooke Johnson

Fellowship: Chris Forte

FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are in celebration of **Heidi Wilson's** birthday on July 26th.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

We are happy to have Heidi Wilson sharing in the worship service this morning. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for Worship Assistants for the coming several months.

CHURCH MEETING

Tonight the Consistory is meeting to discuss fundraisers and other ways of increasing our income. You are invited to attend and share your ideas. We are beginning at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and we will eat and talk about these ideas.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Just a reminder that this Friday, July 26, is our church's regularly scheduled day for delivery of meals. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Dey.

SEEKING WISDOM

The Consistory has been working hard during the last year to come up with ideas that will help us address the issues our congregation faces. However, we do not feel that we are the sole repository of heavenly wisdom. Therefore we are asking you to prayerfully consider what you think we should be doing as a congregation. Toward that end we will be meeting for prayer on Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the Library. This will be a time to be together as church members, praying together for the same purpose. We also will be providing pieces of paper in the bulletin during the month, upon which we are asking you to share your thoughts—things you think are going positively, things you think could be changed, and new ideas of something we can try.