



# Order of Worship

March 21, 2021

10:00 a.m. Service

WELCOME  
THANKS FOR JOINING US!

**During this time of social distancing, we ask that all singing and responsive reading be done from behind a mask.  
Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe during the pandemic.**

**Prelude**

*Holy Week Meditation*

*Birchwood*

**Introit**

*Listen to My Words*

*Folts*

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn #150**

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

1. Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we sin against you in thought, word, and deed. We do not love you with our whole heart and mind and strength. And we do not love our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have done, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be. Help us to live for the glory of your holy name.**

**\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the Good News.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*Congregational Response**

*Gloria Patri*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Drop, Drop Slow Tears*

*Powell*

**\*Hymn #592**

*The Doxology*

**\*Prayer of Commitment 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.**

**\*Choral Response**

**Anthem**

*Always By Our Side*

*McDonald*

**Children's Time**

**\*Hymn #80**

**Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley**

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself;  
O, nobody else could walk it for Him, He had to walk it by Himself.
2. We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;  
O, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.
3. You must go and stand your trial, you have to stand it by yourself,  
O, nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.

**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 21:18-23**

<sup>18</sup> In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. <sup>19</sup> And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.

<sup>20</sup> When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?"

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. <sup>22</sup> And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

**Jesus at Bethany: The Fig Tree**

*"When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, 'How did the fig tree wither at once?'" (Matthew 21:20)*

**Ordination and Installation of Officers**

**Responsive Reading:**

There are different gifts,

**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways,  
**But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,  
**To use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,  
**And individually members of him.**

### **Introduction of the Elders-Elect**

**Elders-Elect, Class of 2022:** Anna McNamara (Youth Elder), Abby Stewart (Youth Elder), Jay Swoboda (Administration), Sharon Walker (PDS).

**Elders-Elect, Class of 2023:** Chuck Pohla (Worship), Janet Pohla (Worship), Bob Shepherd (Care/Prayer), and Dena Sowden (Membership).

### **Questions Asked by the Moderator**

**Questions for the Congregation** (asked by a Ruling Elder)

### **Prayer of Ordination and Installation**

### **Declaration of Installation and Welcome to This Ministry**

### **Welcome to This Ministry**

### **\*Hymn**

### **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
  
Refrain:  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **\*Closing Response**

### **God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

God be with you till we meet again,  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.

### **\*Postlude**

*Low in the Grave He Lay*

*Ritter*

\*Please stand if able.

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