

Entering God’s Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 409

God Is Here

ABBOT’S LEIGH

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*
People: *The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*
Leader: *One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:*
People: *To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,*
Leader: *To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.*
People: *I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.*
Leader: *Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;*
People: *Wait for the Lord!* (Psalm 27)
Leader: *Let us pray.* (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God’s Forgiveness (unison)
Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sin and ask your forgiveness. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

Psalm 136 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 543-544 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem

Matthew 1:1-17 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 1 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

Sharing the Story

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Affirmation of Faith and Gloria Patri (No. 581)
Christ Jesus though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death—even death on a Cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen. (Phil. 2:5-11)

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 437-4239]

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*At the Presentation

Doxology (No. 606)

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Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *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.

*Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Going Out into the World

*Those that are able, please stand.