

Entering God’s Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 337

My Country, ‘Tis of Thee

AMERICA

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.
Leader: Know that the Lord is God.
People: It is God that made us, and we are his; we are God’s people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
People: Give thanks to God; bless his name!
Leader: For the Lord is good;
People: God’s steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.
Leader: May the Lord be with you. (Psalm 100)
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Confidence and Trust

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God’s Forgiveness (unison)
Merciful God, when we let you touch the deep places within us, we are moved to tears of remorse. Again and again, we violate the best you intend for us, in order to pursue our own whims and desires. We labor for food that perishes and ignore the Bread of Life. We take for ourselves what you intend for others, and resent you questioning our stewardship. We settle for fragmentation rather than working for unity. Forgive and heals us, God.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Sacrament of Baptism

Riley Anne Brinkley

*The Apostle’s Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)
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.

Children’s Message

Reece Humphreys Thomas

*Hymn 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Ecclesiastes 3:9-15 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 581 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem

Romans 5:1-5 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 145 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation

We Hold These Truths to Be Self-Evident . . .

The Rev. Vance Polley

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*At the Presentation

Doxology (No. 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, concluding with *The Lord’s Prayer*

The Lord’s Supper
(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord’s Supper*.)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

*Benediction and Choral Benediction

*Going Out into the World

*Those that are able, please stand.