

The choir's **anthem** is a hymn setting from G. F. Handel's oratorio, *The Passion of Christ* (1716). The text [translation © 1965 Oxford Univ. Press]:

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee; Ah! thou friend of man, restore me.

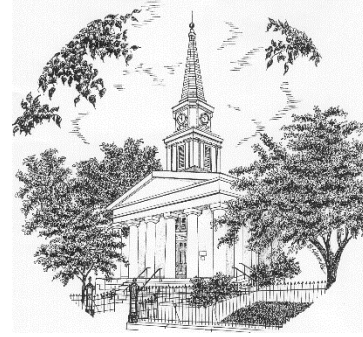
On thy loving grace relying, for the bread of life I'm sighing.

Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease,

Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.

When the breath of life has left me, may my soul be blended with thee.

As part of the MUSIC AT NOON series, William McCorkle will present an organ recital this Wednesday, January 12, at 12:00. The program will feature organ preludes on the radiant Epiphany hymn "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright," and on "Christ, Our Lord to the Jordan Came," a great hymn celebrating the Baptism of the Lord.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
9 January 2022
11:00AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE

Christ, Our Lord, to the Jordan Came

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Philip Coulling

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Gather from East and West, from North and South.

God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.

The voice of God thunders through our midst.

The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us.

God brings us through terror to a place of peace.

Ascribe to God glory and strength.

Worship God in awe, wonder, and joy!

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, the waters of faithfulness run deep, and we have been afraid they will overwhelm us. The fires of your Spirit burn brightly, and we fear we may be consumed if we display too much enthusiasm. We retreat to safe places where we hope to avoid challenges, conflicts, and uncertainty. When we shrink from risks, we miss much that enriches life. We fail to notice your amazing activity among those who respond to your leading. Free us, we pray, for daring service. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 475, v. 1

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace,
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43:1-7 p. 631

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE William McCorkle

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 p. 56

SERMON *Glory Beyond All Expectation* Rev. Tom Groome

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 318 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF PEOPLE & 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.

THE BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Opening Words

Anthem

*Hymn 606

Lord, I Trust Thee

George Frideric Handel

The Doxology

**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. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn during Communion

There Is One Lord

The Bread

**There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
There is one God who is Father of all**

The Cup

**There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
There is one God who is Father of all**

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN 688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

*BLESSING IN WORD

*RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE [tune: Lancashire] *Creator of the Water, v. 4*

**God, through your gift of water, your family we become;
You take away divisions; in Christ you make us one.
Now send your Spirit on us and give us work to do
That we may share with others the love we have from you.**

POSTLUDE *Christ, Our Lord to the Jordan Came* Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau