

**LORD'S PRAYER  
RESPONSE**

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Worship Ensemble

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Freely you have received, freely give.  
Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

**OFFERTORY**

Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)

Worship Ensemble

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
for you have chosen the poverty of the world  
to make your people rich in faith.  
Help us to put our faith into practice  
through the offering of our lives—  
giving food to the hungry,  
clothes to the naked,  
and shelter to the poor;  
all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
your Word made flesh. Amen.*

— Sending —

Blest Are They vv. 1, 2, 5

**\*HYMN #172**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The blessing of the one God—  
Spirit, Son, and Father—  
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Lead a life worthy of your calling,  
giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

I Owe My Lord a Morning Song

Joshua Allen

*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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Sunday, August 15, 2021  
Service for the Lord's Day*



(\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses

— *Gathering* —

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>My Faith Looks Up to Thee (arr. Mason)</b>	Joshua Allen
<b>WELCOME:</b>		Rev. Michele Goff
<b>INTROIT</b>	<b>Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom</b>	Worship Ensemble
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Liturgist: John Hillin

God is the source of wisdom, *the fount of life eternal*.

Let us listen for the wisdom of God *and worship the One whose words shape the world*.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts.  
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that all people may know the glorious liberty  
of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN #450** **Be Thou My Vision**

**CONFESSION**

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, together:

*O Lord, the voice of your wisdom rings out in the world,  
guiding us to place our trust in you.*

*The voice of your wisdom rings out in the world,  
challenging us to seek the things that matter.*

*Too often, O Lord, we refuse to listen.*

*We place our trust in things that are fleeting.*

*We seek the things that make us comfortable,  
rather than seeking the way of your peace.*

*Forgive us, God of grace,  
and teach us to walk in the path lined by your wisdom.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Now stand firm in your faith,  
covered by the saving grace of God  
and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! *Thanks be to God.*

— *Word* —

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE:**

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Hear the word of the Lord for us.  
This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**EPISTLE READING:**

Hear the word of the Lord for us. This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL**

Hear the word of the Lord for us.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. *Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**

**Wisdom's Invitation**

**ASCRPTION OF PRAISE**

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. **Amen.**

— *Response* —

**\*HYMN #39**

**Great is thy Faithfulness**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED**

*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.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In our trouble and need, we look to the Lord,  
the giver of our daily bread, saying:  
God of abundant grace, *hear our prayer...*

PROVERBS 9:1-6

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Rev. Michele Goff