



(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit  
*Bold Italic Letters* indicate congregational response

— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE Song Without Words: "Faith" (Mendelssohn) Joshua Allen  
WELCOME Rev. Michele Goff  
\*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Kathy Porter

God has given us this day.

*God's steadfast love endures forever.*

God has gathered us in this place.

*God's steadfast love endures forever.*

There are many places we could be, but God has brought us here.

*God's steadfast love endures forever.*

\*Hymn #484 Out of Deep, Unordered Water

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Remember your baptism and be thankful! *Thanks be to God.*

All praise and honor and glory are yours, O triune God, now and forever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION

Let us make our confession and open ourselves to God's mercy.

*Faithful God,*

*We confess our faithlessness.*

*Our hearts are fickle, our eyes wander,  
and we trick ourselves into serving other gods.*

*We speak lies, accept lies, live lies,  
destroying others and ourselves along the way.*

*Forgive our waywardness and lead us back to you.*

*Embolden our trust in your faithfulness and settle your truth in our hearts.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is good news! *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

\*GLORIA PATRI #581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.*

*Amen, amen.*

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–25 Bible p. 580-581, LG p. 754-755

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 3:1-11

Bible p. 190, LG p. 246

Hear the word of the Lord.

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

*Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

Bible p. 70, LG p. 90-91

Hear the word of God for us.

The word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Chasing After Wind

Rev. Michele Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

— *Response* —

\*HYMN #175

Seek Ye First

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together with the 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 INTERCESSION

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we pray for the fulfillment of God's promise, saying: In faith, O God, *we seek your grace.*

... Strengthen us to run the race that is before us, laying aside the heavy burdens of sin and death and following the pioneer and perfecter of our faith: Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. *Amen.*