

*and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** **I Am Thine, O Lord** Ensemble

**\*DOXOLOGY #607**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION -**

*To you, O God, we offer our lives— our abundance, our poverty,  
all that we have, all that we are— a sign of our great thanksgiving  
for the treasure of your grace.  
Take and use us for good in the world that you so love;  
we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

— Sending —

**\*HYMN #837** **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The blessing of the holy, triune God, who was and is and is to come—  
first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega—  
be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Go in peace to love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength,  
and to love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #176** **If You Only Had Faith**

**\*POSTLUDE** **How Great Thou Art** Joshua Allen

*You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.*



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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

— **Gathering** —  
Gather Us In

Joshua Allen  
Rev. Michele Goff  
Liturgist: Steve Lowe

PRELUDE

WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

How lovely is the house of the Lord.

***How beautiful to be gathered in the presence of God.***

How lovely is the dwelling place of the Lord.

***How beautiful is the image of God we behold in one another.***

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN #32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

CONFESSION

Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

***Loving God, too often we hide beneath the veil of religion  
or trust too much in the good things we do.***

***Smug and safe in our pews, we look down on those not here,  
thankful we are not like them.***

***Shatter us with the truth that all have sinned, even us.***

***We have failed to live as the people you call us to be.***

***Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Whether we are close or whether we are standing far off,

God's love in Jesus Christ seeks us out and gathers us in.

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

Joel 2:23-32 Bible p. 799, LG p. 1038-1039

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

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Bible p. 201, LG p. 260-261

Listen to 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 18:9-14 Bible p. 76, LG p. 99

Hear God's wisdom for us.

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

SERMON

Two Sinners Went to Church

Rev. Michele Goff

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

— **Response** —

\*HYMN #442

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

\*Affirmation of Faith:

*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

Trusting in the power of God to deliver us, let us make our prayers of intercession for all, saying: God our Savior, ***hear our prayer.***

...Merciful and mighty God, as you are one, make us one with you through Jesus Christ, whom you have sent to redeem us, and in whose holy name we pray. **Amen.**

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;***