

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

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Now Unto the Hills

Jack Brooks

WELCOME

Liturgist: John Hillin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Where is our home?

Our home is in the shelter and shadow of God.

How can this be our refuge?

Because God's angels will guard your house and those in it from evil and threat.

How can we flourish?

Staying close to God's ways will bring our lives to abundance.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #336

We Gather Together

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wide circles, we too often revert to our fear-filled instinct to cut off those unfamiliar and distant. May we evaluate others based on your heart. In Romans, you remind us when we lean into your kin-dom agenda, our worldview is expanded to focus on our common humanity. May we embrace your created diversity and include all in our cherished life's work.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Everyone. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Having called upon the wide arms of our gracious God, know that you are forgiven. With joy, may we amplify God's grace into the whole world. Amen.

*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 READING

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Bible p. 518, LG p. 674

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

Bible p.150, LG p. 194

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Bible p. 57, LG p. 74

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Temptation

Jimmy Chapman

—Response—

*HYMN # 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Theological Declaration of Barmen)

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole-body [is] joined and knit together"
~ (Ephesians 4:15-16).

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit.

As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.