

VIRTUAL PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASTORAL GREETING

PRELUDE

“Voluntary in A Minor”

William Boyce

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lauren Champlin

We live inside the world which God has created for us.

We will let God guide us through it.

He is all around us on every side and protects us with his power.

In God we live and move and have our being.

Let us see, find, and worship him.

HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

#265

Music: Attr. John Hatton, c. 1793

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

*Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*Blessing abound where’er he reigns: the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.*

*Let ever creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Aaron Carle

Lord, you know us better than anyone and with all our ways you are familiar.

Help us to stay on the righteous path of honesty and good you have made for us.

Help us to be good people and forgive ourselves and others of previous sins in order to become the best versions of ourselves.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kendall Snook

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord. (Deut 6:4)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 12: 9-21

Luke Weber

Marks of the True Christian

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16: 24-28

Sophie Augustine

The Cross and Self-Denial

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some

standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

RESPONSE

Ezra Williams

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Thanks be to God. (Deut. 6:6)

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Baptism & Confirmation:	Ezra Williams
Confirmation:	Sophie Augustine
	Aaron Carle
	Lauren Champlin
	Elizabeth Komara
	Kendall Snook
	Luke Weber

Congregation unison response:

Let us all make a place for them and let them know that the family of Christ is their family too, as we all worship God together.

Confirmation is a rite that instructs us that our faith must be renewed in order to remain effective. Therefore, let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our pledge of faith.

BRIEF AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal, page 38, #4 Elizabeth Komara

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SERMON

"Devoted"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

#700

Music: African American spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984

Text: African American spiritual

*I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime.*

*I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime.*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime.*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime.*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime.*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime.*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime.*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime.*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Voluntary, Opus VII, No. 9"

Charles John Stanley