

PRELUDE

INTROIT *(in response; Psalm 9:9-10)*
The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. AMEN.

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” **402**

***OPENING PRAYER** *(unison; The Book of Common Prayer)*
May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

***THE PASSING OF PEACE**

***PRAYER RESPONSE** “Blessed Be the Tie that Binds”

RESPONSIVE READING *(in response, The Wesleyan Meth. Conf., England, 20th cent., The Book of Worship 476.)*
O holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always taken upon ourselves the yoke of obedience
Nor been willing to seek and to do your perfect will
We have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves
You have called to us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way
In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent
We have turned away from the cross of Christ and have grieved your Holy Spirit. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; Joys and Concerns *(Adopted from the Book of Worship 395)*
God of eternity: You are present with us because of Christ’s rising from the dead, and you persist in lifting us to new life in him. We bring to you our prayers for this world in need of resurrection. Especially, we pray for nations and peoples in strife...*(You may voice your prayers)*. Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For the poor and impoverished, at home and abroad...Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For those we know in particular times of distress . . . Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.
For those who are ill and the sick . . . Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For the gift of life...Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For those who lost their loved ones . . . Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For all who follow the risen Christ and for the ministry of the church . . . Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer, Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)*
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

NICKELS FOR NIGERIA COLLECTION
Offering
Piano pieces, "Amazing Grace"; "Fantasie" by G.P. Telemann by Micah Jochum

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *(Sung to the tune of 95)*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison, The Book of Worship, 558)*
We give thanks for the things of the earth that give us the means of life. Thank you, Lord, for the ability to use these gifts. Help us to see our place among these gifts, not to squander them or think of them as means for selfish gain. May our spirits be strengthened by using only what we need, and may we use our strength to help those who need us. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE Ellie Q
First Lesson 1st Samuel 17:47-53
Second Lesson 2nd Corinthians 6:3-13

***GOSPEL READING** Mark 6:1-5

SERMON “The Path to Victory”

***CLOSING HYMN** “O Master Let Me Walk with Thee” **430**

***BENEDICTION**
HYMN “God Be with You till We Meet Again” **672** (v.1) no refrain

POSTLUDE