

*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 256 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

We Depart in Joy

*Benediction

And now to the One, who by the power at work within us, is able to do immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine, to him be the glory in Christ Jesus and in the Church, from this day forth and forever more.

Amen.

If you have a prayer request, please forward the request to the church office. We will include it on the prayer request list for a month, unless you request for us to leave it on longer.

Thanks to our choir for leading music this morning!

Mission Partners and Liaisons

Local: HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS

ForKids - Marie Finch
St. Columba - Alice Allen-Grimes
St. Mary's Soup Kitchen - Larry Hull
LAUNCH Ministry - Joe Morgan
The Norfolk Street Choir Project - Rich Voter

Local: OUTREACH & INCLUSION

Faith Inclusion Network - Lori Crouch
YOURS - Larry Hull
Tidewater Pastoral Counseling Services -
Catherine Hart Monroe

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Ben Seidl in Germany - Craig Wansink
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Our Partners in M.E. - Mark Erickson

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O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your
praise

Psalm 51:15

11 a.m. Worship

Chiming *Ringing of the bells indicates the beginning of worship.*

We Gather In Need of the Risen Christ

Gathering in Musical Meditation

"Give Me a Clean Heart"

Douroux/arr. Shoup

Call to Worship

God of salvation's joy, we gather to celebrate and revere you.

We come, realizing that we are broken. Forgive and re-create us.

God of unfailing love, we gather to worship and honor you.

We come, and because of your compassion, forgive and renew us.

God of new beginnings, we gather to praise and thank you.

**We come, and through your grace and mercy, forgive and restore us,
so that with clean hearts we may truly worship you. Amen.**

Welcome

*Passing the Peace

"Small yet strong in the love of God, like Saint Francis of Assisi, all of us, as Christians, are called to watch over and protect the fragile world in which we live, and all its peoples."

—Pope Francis

"One of the greatest sermons ever pronounced on missionary work is this simple thought attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi:

'Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.'

Opportunities to do so are all around us. Do not miss them by waiting too long on the road to Damascus."

—Dieter F. Uchtdorf

We Recognize Our Need to Grow Closer to God

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No. 621 "Give Me a Clean Heart"

*Confessing our Sin (based on Psalm 51)

Have mercy on us, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, forgive us. Free us from the guilt that weighs us down, from the sin that controls us.

We have sinned against you, and done what is wrong in your eyes.

We are well aware of the wrong we do:

the words we speak which wound,

the unloving thoughts and actions that hurt others and ourselves.

We know that these things distance us from you,

and keep us from recognizing your life in us.

Forgive us.

You desire complete honesty from us. We know that nothing can be hidden from you. And so we lay open our hearts to you now—we lay before you those things for which we need your forgiveness, and those things from which we long to be set free.

(A time for silent confession)

We sing together:

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

In giving of ourselves that we receive,

And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Receiving Grace

Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, full of unfailing love.

Today, receive God's forgiveness.

Thanks be to God!

We Hear the Word

Time of Discovery

Message

Rev. Catherine Hart Monroe

"Our Walking is Our Preaching": A Look at Our Actions
Psalm 51

We Respond in Humility

Meditating on our Faith

"Psalm 51: Create in Me"

By Bob Hurd, arr. Craig S. Kingsbury

Mission and Ministry of the Church

Offering Gratitude

During the time of gratitude today, write down on a piece of paper one thing you can do to "preach the gospel" through your actions toward others.

Please fold that paper, put it in the black basket in your pew, after which baskets will be brought forward as an offering. These responses will be both read by the pastoral staff and prayed over.

Thank you for all of the ways you share your time, life, and finances on behalf of the mission of this church family. Please feel free to financially support us by sharing your gifts in the baskets up front.

The Lord's Supper

We sing together:

Come to the table of grace, Come to this table of grace.

This is God's table, not yours or mine. Come to God's table of grace.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People and the 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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Following Communion

"It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching."

—St. Francis of Assisi

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received... but only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage."

—St. Francis of Assisi