



"Jesus drives out the merchants"
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As our prayer deepens into a constant awareness of God's goodness, the spirit of gratitude grows within us. Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts to be received and shared. Gratitude releases us from the bonds of obligation and prepares us to offer ourselves freely and fully for the work of the kingdom.

– Henri Nouwen

Gathering Music

"How Great Thou Art"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

"O Worship the King"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Hannes Combest
Isaiah 9

Leader: The people who have walked in darkness

People: have seen a great light;

Leader: those who have lived in a land of deep darkness —

People: on them light has shined.

All: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 159)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"
CRUSADERS' HYMN (ST. ELIZABETH)

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

* Responding in Peace (CONGR 640, v 3)

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
SHOWALTER

Faith in Action

Stacey Lamb

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Cristina Adams

Unison Discipline of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance. Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, and covers us in mercy.

Morning Prayer 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those headed to Children's Church may leave now.)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
John 2.13-17

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"A Movement Begins: Stop Making My Father's House a Marketplace"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 534)

"Bricks and Mortar, Hands and Labor"
BEECHER

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams

Liturgist: Hannes Combest • Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Director of Worship Music & Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Jim Lord, Brenda Schenkel • Sound: Brandon Gillette

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Heartland Community Church

*American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Minister Rev. Corey Laughary,
serving the Mission Northwest association of churches*

International Ministries Global Servant: Boaz Keibarak, serving in Kenya

Faith in Action: Javier Cordero, Volunteer Coordinator, AMOS Health and Hope

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