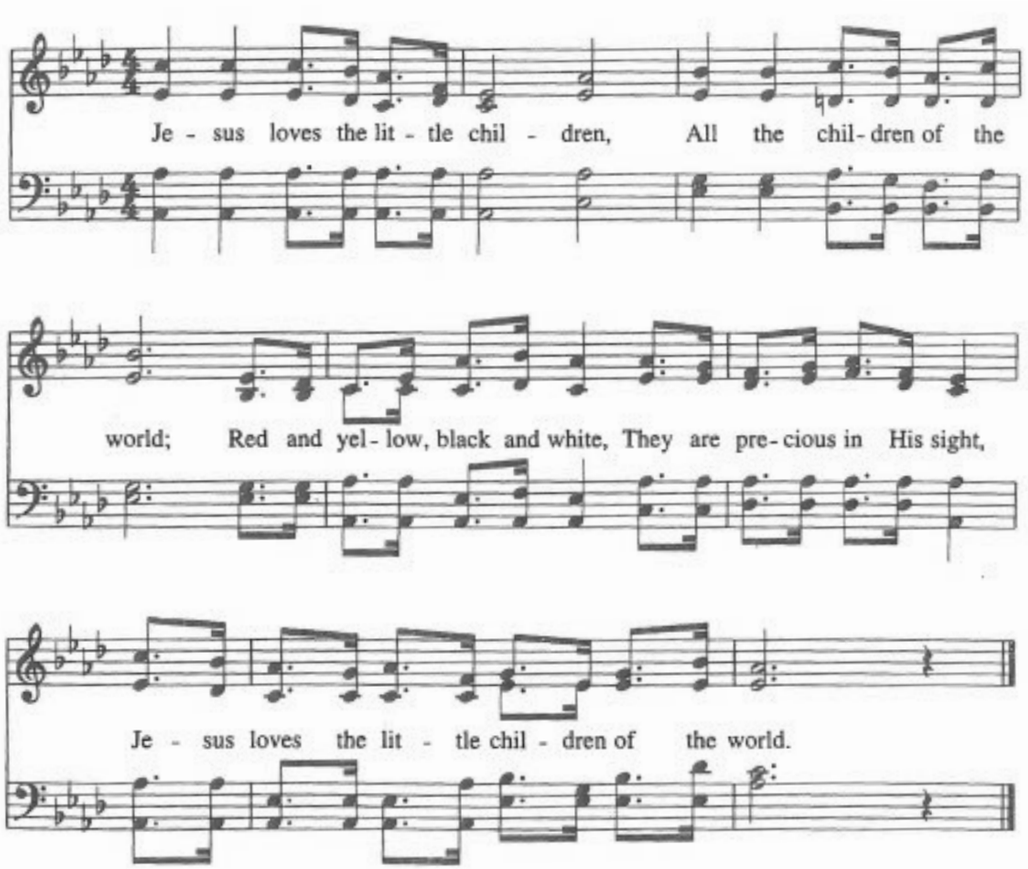
Jesus Loves the Little Children



Service Participants

The Reverend Andy Houltberg
The Venerable Jeff Roper
Dakota Bennett, Organist
St. James Choir
Altar Guild of St. James
Acolyte – Michael Kephart
Crucifer - Norah Newlin

Chalice Bearers - Richard Bowman
Michael Kephart
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(NT) Tristen Whipple
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Scott Orr
Livestream - Bert Clark

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10:45 am Sunday October 18, 2026

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.
BCP - Book of Common Prayer or Prayer Book, (red book);
Hymnal (blue book);
Hymnal numbers beginning with 'S' are found in the front of the Hymnal.
Levas songs are in the Levas Mass Setting booklet found in the pews.

Proper 24

Children and Family Service, Rite II

The Prelude

Bells may be rung.

The Opening Hymn
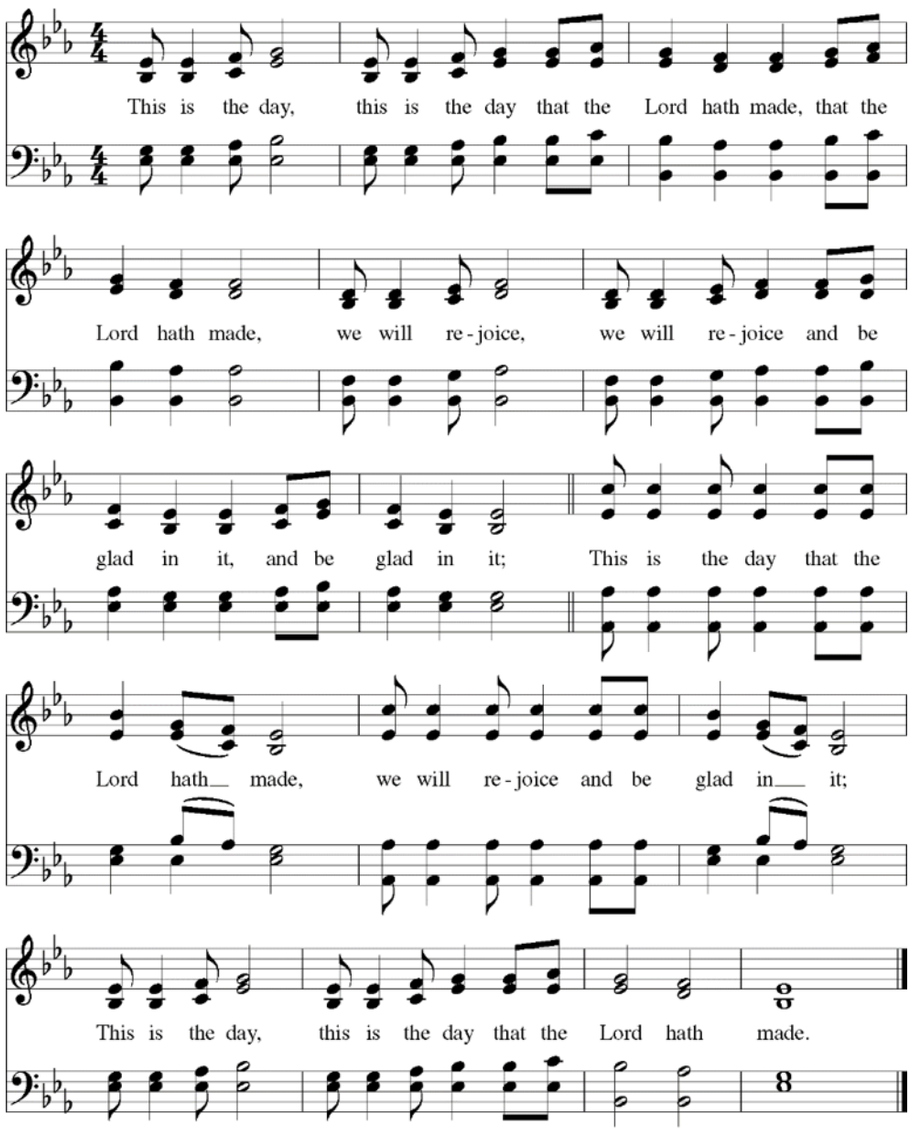
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"This is the day" Les Garrett

Welcome & Opening Acclamation **BCP 355**

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

"This is the Day" Words: Psalm 118:24 Music: Les Garrett



Sending Forth the Eucharistic Minister(s)

Eucharistic Visitors come forward.

Clergy In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Closing Hymn

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"Jesus love the little children" ROOT

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

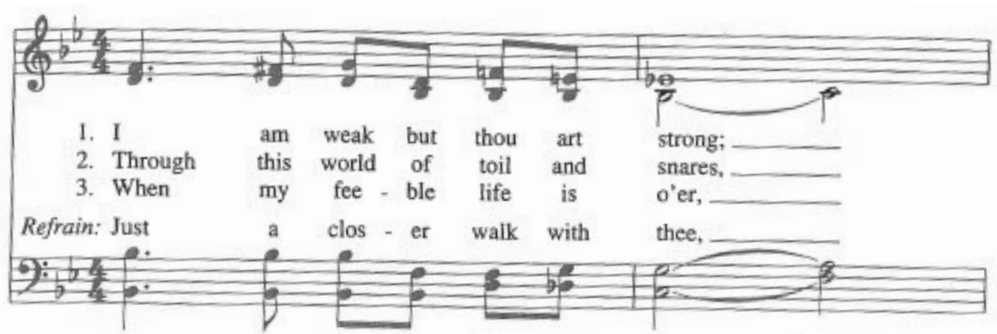
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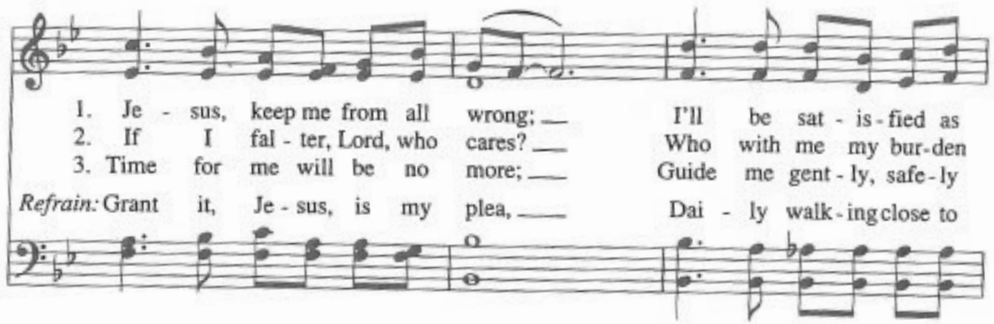
The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God,
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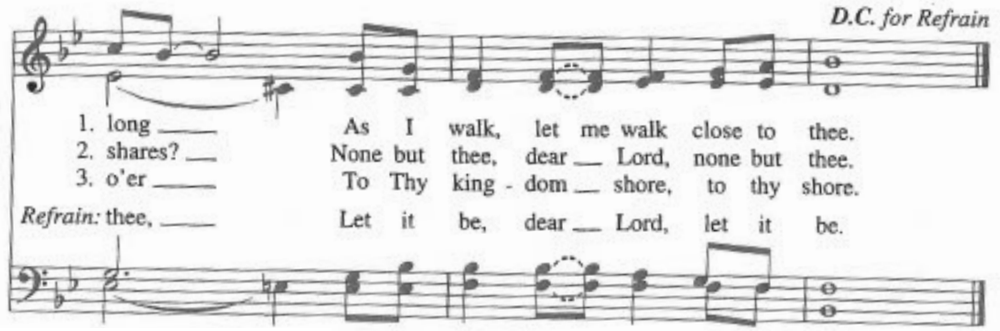
2026 Giving

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2027 Giving







The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria *sung at 10:45 am* **Levas 243**

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day **BCP 235, Proper 24**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON — EXODUS 33:12-23

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus

[*From God's Word, My Voice*] Moses was talking with God. "You told me to lead these people, but I can't do this alone. If you care about me the way you say you do, please, give me some direction, so that I might know you as well as you know me and that these people can know you too." God said, "I will go with you. l will give you support and

let you rest.""Good," said Moses. "These people will be special; your chosen people. Will you show me your glory?" God said, "I will make sure you can see all of my goodness. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and kind to whom I will be kind.

But you can't see my face and live. How about this? Go stand on that rock, and while my goodness and glory pass by there, I will put you in a crack in the rock and cover you with my hand until I've passed. Then I will take my hand away. You can see my back, but you won't see my face."

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE — PSALM 99 — BCP 728

Sung by choir.

1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

AGNUS DEI — *Sung* — LEVAS 270

All **Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,**
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
Grant us your peace.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Just a closer walk with Thee" *See next page*

"O for a closer walk with God" **HYMN 684**
CAITHNESS

A moment of silence is observed following Communion.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER — BCP 365

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts […] Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham […] one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever Amen.

The Second Lesson **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians
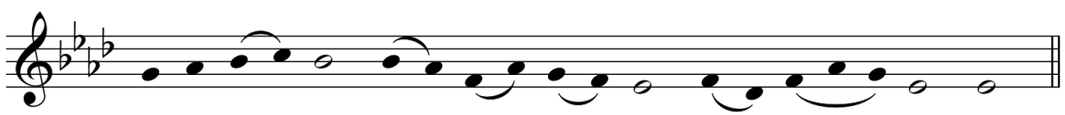
[*From God's Word, My Voice*] Here's a letter from Paul and Silvanus and Timothy: Grace, everyone at the church in Thessalonica! We are always thanking God for you, and praying for you, remembering your faith and hard work of love. God has chosen you, and given you the gospel and the Holy Spirit along with it. We hope you now that we have worked hard to support you. You have used as examples to follow how we love the Lord. In spite of being pushed around by people due to your faith, you have been strong and joyful and the Holy Spirit has allowed you to be a good

example for others. People all over have heard all about your faith, and about how you welcomed us and are serving a living God and waiting for God's Son Jesus to return to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord *or*
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL SEQUENCE

Please stand as you are able. the alleluia is sung by the cantor, repeated by the congregation, then sung again by all after the verse.



Cantor: Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being will I sing praises unto my God.

As the Gospel book passes by, please turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.

THE HOLY GOSPEL — MATTHEW 22:15-22

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a de-

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**
Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
All **By your will they were created and have their being.**
Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
All **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**
Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
All **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**
Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in

SANCTUS *Sung* — LEVAS 255

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Anniversaries and Birthdays

All **God, whose love enfolds the whole of life, who calls us into loving union, and who blessed the partnership of this couple** *(these couples)* **remembering their anniversary. Grant to your servants thankful hearts for all that is past, joyful hearts for the blessings of this day, and hopeful hearts for what is yet to come. In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God. Amen.**

All **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants who celebrate their birthdays this week. Bless them as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The announcement section concludes with the Presider giving an offertory sentence.

Holy Communion

Offertory Music

"If We Will Seek the Lord " Don Besig

The Presentation Hymn **Hymn 686 v.1**

Please stand as you are comfortable as the ushers bring the People's offering to the altar.

"Come, thou fount of every blessing" Nettleton

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer C **BCP 369**

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

narius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon **The Reverend Andy Houltberg**

At the conclusion of the sermon a moment of silent reflection is observed.

The Nicene Creed **BCP 358**

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son

he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People — Form III BCP 387

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;
All **That we all may be one**.
Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
All **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**
Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
All **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**
Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
All **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**
Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
All **That our works may find favor in your sight.**
Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
All **That they may be delivered from their distress.**
Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
All **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**
Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
All **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**
Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

Presider Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Confession of Sin — BCP 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.
All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**
Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

Invitation to the Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
The People greet one another in Christ while respecting the personal space of neighbors.
After greeting, please be seated for the announcements.

Announcements & Stewardship Minute