

January 7, 2018 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Prelude Higgins

My Soul Rests in Thee

Silent Meditation Acts 26:18

"To open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

Welcome and Announcements

Chimes

Introit French Trad. Carol

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Call to Worship **Psalm 97**

Prayer of Adoration, Approach and Confession

Hymns #'s 108, 106

Come, Christians, Join to Sing Praise Him! Praise Him!

Offertory Ogden

Hark 'Tis the Shepherd's Voice I Hear

Presentation of Gifts and Doxology #625

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and Intercession

Hymns #'s 277, 275

The Church's One Foundation
How Firm a Foundation

Scripture Reading (p. 976)

Ephesians 1:18-20

Sermon Rev. John Flanagan

A Prayer for the Church Part II

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord of love, we rejoice in the wonder and humility we discover in breaking this bread. We give thanks for the invitation to join you here. As we receive the bread, set our hearts on loving ways, and set our minds and hands to building the best into our daily living.

We are grateful for this cup Father. For its calling us to remember the cost of our redemption. For its reminding us the cost was met with love. For its judging of the way we live. You have touched this cup with the spirit of your Son. Touch our lives with the spirit of thanksgiving and celebration.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Action and Communion

Acclamation

MINISTER: Your death, O Lord, we commemorate. Your resurrection we confess. Your final coming we await. Glory be to you, O Christ. **RESPONSE:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

New Year Covenanting Together

We Covenant Together

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants. Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honorable, others are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ. Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Creating and redeeming God, we give you thanks and praise. Your covenant of grace was made for our salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We come this day to covenant with you and with our companions in discipleship: to watch over each other and to walk together before you in ways known and still to be made known.

Pour your Spirit upon us.

Help us so to walk in your ways that the promises we make this day, and the life that we live together, may become an offering of love, our duty and delight truly glorifying to you – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

This day, we give ourselves again to the Lord and to each other to be bound together in fellowship, and to work together in the unity of the Spirit for the sake of God's mission.

Order of Worship continued on back

Hymn #567

Another Year Is Dawning

Closing Words

Choral Response

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home! Amen

Benediction

Postlude Nordman

On This Glad Day

JOINING AND BECOMING A CHURCH MEMBER

Baptism upon personal profession of faith is the normal mode of entry into the membership of a Christian church.

Persons seeking membership, who have not been baptized as believers or transferring from another church, may be accepted for full membership based on their own public profession of faith.

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Before the service, speak to God.

During the service, let God speak to you.

After the service, speak with your neighbor.