February 7, 2016
8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Order of Worship

“Another generation is being prepared for life. They are being prepared by fathers, mothers, teachers, coaches, Scout masters, pastors, counselors and neighbors. They will almost certainly be like us. But we would like them, please God, to be a little better than us. Especially, we’d like them to meet God in such a way, to learn such lessons, and to be moved by such love, that they will surpass us. Not simply in money or education or public esteem, but in the beauty of a Christlike character. We want those who follow us to be, by God’s grace, better than we have been. And we shall try, with Heaven’s help, to make it so.” —Dr. Ellsworth Kalas

THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

“Prelude on An Irish Hymn” (Slane) Williams

*THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 660  “God Is Here”

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: The sinners, the saints; the broken, the whole;
People: We all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope.
Leader: The doubters, the devout; the wonderers, the wanderers;
People: We all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God’s people.
Leader: The hesitant, the heroic; the grandparents, the little children;
People: We all listen for the stories that all creation sings of the One who gives life, peace and love.

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 277 (Verse 1)

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THE TIME OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The Ritual of Friendship folder is located at the center aisle; please sign and pass.

THE ANTHEM

(9:30)  “O God, to You We Lift Our Song” Brahms
Covenant Choir

(11:00) “The Prayer of St. Francis” Rene Clausen
IXOYC Choir

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THE CALL TO PRAYER (Leader)

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Renewing God, trusting in your infinite grace, we confess that we need your healing and forgiveness. For all that is broken in our minds and bodies, we ask your healing. For all that is amiss in our choices and our relationships, we ask your forgiveness. For the times when we fail to model and share the wisdom of Jesus with our children and all those who need to know your love, we ask you for mercy. For all that works against life and blessing in our hearts, and in the world, we open ourselves to your transforming grace. Heal us, forgive us and make us new. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Leader)

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS
“Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.” Proverbs 3:10

THE OFFERTORY
“Lord, Lead Us Now”
Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

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*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 395 “Take Time to Be Holy”

THE SCRIPTURE
Proverbs 22:6, 3:1-8 (Pew Bible pg. 592, 574)
This is God’s living Word... ~ “Thanks be to God!”

THE SERMON
Strengthening Your Core:
“Encourage Lifelong Spiritual Growth”
Rev. Laurie Haller

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
The elements will be served by intinction. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. All bread is gluten-free.

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
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 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, forever. Amen.

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO. 733 “Marching to Zion”

*THE BENEDICTION AND PERIOD OF SILENCE
*THE POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing ***Seating of Worshipers

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