



October 25, 2015
8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**“Everything we do, even the slightest thing we do,
can have a ripple effect and repercussions that emanate.
If you throw a pebble into the water on one side of the ocean,
it can create a tidal wave on the other side.” —Victor Webster**

Please silence all cell phones.

THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Buxtehude

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 98** **“To God Be the Glory”**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Deep within, a living spring,

People: **A connection to the source of grace,**

Leader: A link to the flow of power,

People: **A ripple in the showers of blessing,**

Leader: A seed waiting,

People: **Yeast hidden.**

Leader: This day, know that the living water of the kingdom of God flows within you.

People: **Rejoice. Be glad. Be nourished.**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 98**

(Refrain)

THE ANTHEM

(9:30)

“Come One, Come All, Come Follow”

Philip R. Dietterich

Sonshine Choir

(11:00)

“Bwana Asifiwe”

arr. Mark Burrows

Covenant Choir

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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 STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Dan and Sharon Ulep

THE ANTHEM

(9:30)

“Waitin’ for the Light to Shine”

Mark Brymer

Genesis Choir

(11:00)

“We Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Hal Hopson

IXOYC Choir

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THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION (Leader)

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tender God, who cares for each fragile shoot unbending toward the sun, straighten our bent spirits, our crooked perceptions, and our inward-curved desires. Let us know the depth of your compassion, the warmth of your care, the waters of your blessing. Unfold us so that we might send ripples of love throughout the world. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Leader)

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.

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THE ANTHEM

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Kornelis

Chancel Choir

THE SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-33

(Pew Bible page 892)

This is God’s living Word ~ **“Thanks be to God!”**

THE SERMON

Multiply!

“The Ripple Effect”

Rev. Laurie Haller

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND PLEDGES

*Please bring your **Estimate of Giving card** and **weekly offering** by way of the center aisle and return to your seat by the outside aisles as directed by the ushers. If you are unable to come forward, an usher can assist you. Baskets are available at each balcony entrance.*

NO. 402

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

NO. 418

“We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

NO. 87

“What Gift Can We Bring”

THE SENDING FORTH

Leader: You have received mercy, kindness and unconditional love from our God.

People: **The gift I have received, I will give as a gift.**

Leader: You have many physical, emotional, mental and spiritual abilities that can be used to better the lives of others.

People: **The gift I have received, I will give as a gift.**

Leader: You have people in your life who have believed in you when you did not believe in yourself, people who stood by you in difficult times.

People: **The gift I have received, I will give as a gift.**

Leader: You have a heart capable of great compassion, empathy and tenderness.

People: **The gift I have received, I will give as a gift.**

Leader: You have inner strength, the grace of conversion, the gift of hope, and the desire for good.

People: **The gift I have received, I will give as a gift.**

Leader: You have food on your table, clothes in your closet, and a roof over your head.

People: **The gift I have received, I will give as a gift.**

Leader: You have religious freedom, the power of free speech, advocacy groups, and structures for promoting justice and protecting citizens.

People: **The gift I have received, I will give as a gift.**

Gracious God, so many showers of blessings have been bestowed upon me. Continue to teach me to appreciate what has come to me as blessing and gift. Keep on challenging me to share what I have. There is a ripple effect, and it begins with me. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 583** “You Are the Seed”

***THE BENEDICTION AND PERIOD OF SILENCE**

Please remain quietly in your pew during the recession of the clergy.

***THE POSTLUDE**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Leavitt