

Postlude

*Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.
BOLD signifies congregational participation.

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GG – Glory to God Hymnal
PH – Presbyterian Hymnal
LUYH – Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal
SP&P—Sing! Prayer and Praise
STF –Sing the Faith Hymnal
W & S –Worship & Song Hymnal

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Celebration of Worship
November 12, 2017
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Prelude

***Gathering Song**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

***The Means of Grace**

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Carl Kantner

Call to Worship

Elder Elaine Valente

Children and elders, friends and strangers:

Welcome to God's house.

In good times and bad times, in joy and sorrow:

Welcome to God's house.

Seeking God's wisdom, asking God's blessing:

Welcome to God's house.

In darkness and light

we will walk with God.

In peace and in danger

we will walk with God.

In living and dying

we will walk with God.

We will live in God's light.

We will walk in God's Ways.

Congregational Singing *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy One, we are pilgrims always on the journey homewards. We look for peace and we cry for justice; we comfort the bereft; we uplift the brokenhearted. We long for the coming of Jesus, and we fall short in our waiting. God of hope, walk with us along the roads, forgive us, and make us peacemakers all of our days. Fill us with wonder and steadfast love. Bless us Bright God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

***Congregation Singing** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

***Passing of the Peace**

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 OT 543

Proclaiming

Time for Children Reverend gretchen Sausville

Children are welcome to come forward for the
Children's Moment followed by childcare in the nursery for children three and younger.

Anthem **A Festive Gloria** -Linda Spevacek
Voice of the Spirit

Translation of A Festive Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo: Glory to God in the Highest

Jubilate Deo: Be joyful in the Lord

Servite Somino in laetitia: Serve the Lord with gladness

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Elder Carl Kantner
Open our eyes to what we need to see. Open our ears to what we need to hear. Open our minds to what we need to know. Open our hearts to what we need to bear. Open our hands to what we need to give. Open our lives to justice and love. In Christ's name. Amen.

Second Scripture Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11 OT 667

Sermon **COMFORT, COMFORT**
The Reverend gretchen Sausville

Responding

***Hymn** *I Will Come to You*

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music Prayer Requests Collected

***Response** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn *We Will Walk with God*

***Charge and Benediction**