PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Walter Lane

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (Pew Bible Pg.#174)

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:21-28 (Pew Bible Page #35)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Casting Out Unclean Spirits"

The Rev. Kate Kelly

SUNG RESPONSE #384 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day May brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you to The Deacon's for providing us with this morning's Coffee Hour/Birthday Celebration.

SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 28, 2024 10:30AM



WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Kate Kelly

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Thomas Ruehle

MISSION OF THE MONTH Doctors Without Borders

Liz Custer

PRELUDE

Belinda Vair/Accompanist/Choir Director

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111:1-4, 9-10)

Thomas Ruehle

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

In the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and God's righteousness endures forever. God has gained renown by God's wonderful deeds;

The LORD is gracious and merciful.

God sent redemption to the people; God has commanded the covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is God's name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

All those who practice it have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

* **OPENING HYMN** #473 For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light. (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight, For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

For Thy Church, that evermore Lifteth holy hands above, Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF BROKENNES The Rev. Kate Kelly

Pastor: God of Mercy and Love, we come before You confessing that we have failed to show mercy, failed to extend kindness and compassion, and have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. We have ignored those in need like the priest and the Levite instead of

becoming the good Samaritan for others. We have been embarrassed by the actions and words of those who struggle with depression and other mental illnesses and have failed to offer care and concern. We have been afraid of losing our own precious time and resources and have passed by those who call out to us for help.

Congregation: Forgive us for our failures. Remind us of how You have shown us love and mercy in every moment of our lives and call us back into Your ways. Challenge us to do the right thing, even when it's hard. Remind us that every failure is an opportunity to do better next time. Guide us so that we might live better into Your ways of doing justice, practicing loving-kindness, and walking humbly with You. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God loves us so much God sent the Begotten One to us, that whoever believes in this One might not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the One into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through the One. God doesn't use our mistakes and shortcomings to condemn us, but that we might learn and do better. God does not condemn you. God wants you to be saved, and to help save others from the harm of injustice, the harm of ignorance, the harm of hate. God needs you. So know this: you are forgiven. You are loved. Learn and do better. Go and help, repair, and heal the world. Through Jesus Christ, we have all been forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, amen! Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.