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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 2018

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

arr. Pethel

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

CHORAL INTROIT

"This is the Day"
Chancel Choir

Hopson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

If it had not been for God, who was on our side,
We would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us;
We would have been swept away by sadness and fear.

Blessed be the Lord, our protector!

God has broken the snare that took away our freedom.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God's holy name!

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 330** "Our Help is in the Name of God"

Old 124th

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Mercy and forgiveness are God's eternal gifts to this world.

Jesus forgives us, enables us to forgive others,

And empowers forgiveness to change the world

In Christ, we are reconciled to God and to each other.

God makes us messengers of forgiveness and mercy.

ACT OF PRAISE

"Surely the Presence"

L. Wolfe

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.***

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg

(Following the time with children, our young people through kindergarten age, may be excused to childcare)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Your Word is our salt; without it we lose our being,
our joy and our ability to endure. Open our hearts and our minds
to really listen to your Word today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 124, OT 572

Mark 9:38-50, NT 45

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"#Me Too"

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 432 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

Repton

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Prepare Our Hearts"
Chancel Choir

Butler

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

"Faithful is Our God"

Cabaniss

Chancel Choir

*Offertory Response

"All Things are Thine"

Duke Street

***O Father, deign these walls to bless; Fill with thy love their emptiness,
And let their door a gateway be, to lead us from ourselves to thee.***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 821

"My Life Flows On"

How Can I Keep from Singing

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Let Us Now Depart in Peace"

Butler

Chancel Choir

*POSTLUDE

"Psalm 47"

Powell

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold lettering is to be read responsively by the congregation

Bold lettering that is italicized is to be sung by the congregation

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