We invite you to be purposeful as you choose a space to set apart for worship. Please silence your phone at this time and do not multitask. You may download/print the bulletin on our website and keep it handy. If it’s safe to do so, light a candle, call it the Christ candle to signify the presence of the living Christ, where you are on this day.

**WE GATHER**

Prelude  
*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* arr. Bonam

Chimes on the Hour

**WE PRAISE**

Call to Worship

Hymn #339  
*Be Thou My Vision*

**WE CONFESS**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession  
Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
Declaration of Pardon
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Congregational Response (together)
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.

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles’ Creed (together)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE SHARE

Passing of the Peace

Response
Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
Mount of God’s unchanging love!
Life at Church of the Palms

Anthem
Grant Peace, We Pray Felix Mendelssohn

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. Amen.

Moment of Gratitude
Then Sings My Soul How Great Thou Art arr. Mary McDonald
Nicole Smith, soloist

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM

Children’s Moment
Laurie Haas

Hymn #344
Christ of the Upward Way
The Lesson
John 14:1-6
“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon
*On the Road with Jesus*
Dr. F. Morgan Roberts

WE GO

Hymn #357
*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Benediction

Benediction Response
*Yours Be the Love Which Has No Ending*

Yours be the love which has no ending,
Yours be the peace which the Gather gives;
This day and always, now and forever. Amen

Postlude
*Andante con signore* J.S. Bach
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GOSPEL OF MARK READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday
Mark 12:28-44

Tuesday
Mark 13: 1-23

Wednesday
Mark 13: 24-37

Thursday
Mark 14: 1-11

Friday
Mark 14: 12-26
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Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish poem
Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad
Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
3. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Christ of the Upward Way

Walter John Mathams, c. 1915; alt.

George Lomas, 1876

1. Christ of the upward way, My guide divine,
   Where You have set Your feet May I place mine;
   And move and march wherever You have trod,
   Keep ing face forward up the hill of God.

2. Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will,
   That without fault or fear I may fulfill;
   Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,
   Like one who would not bring less than the best.

3. Christ of the upward way, My guide divine,
   Where You have set Your feet May I place mine;
   And when Your last call comes serene and clear,
   Calm may my answer be, “Lord, I am here.”
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1. O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free; Tell me Thy secret;
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love; Teach me the wayward dearer company, In work that keeps faith;
3. Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee In closer, future's broadening way; In peace that only
4. In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

feet to stay, And guide them in the home-ward way.
sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.
Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.
If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call our church office at 941.924.1323.

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JULY MEMORY VERSE

COME TO ME, ALL YOU THAT ARE WEARY AND ARE CARRYING HEAVY BURDENS, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN FROM ME; FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE IN HEART, AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.

MATTHEW 11: 28-30

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