## Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, May 24, 2015

## The Day of Pentecost



Micah Kearney Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

#### WELCOME/GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart . . . . . . . . . . . Powell

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Faithful and just God,

C we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P In this is love,

not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

C Amen.



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## **GREETING**

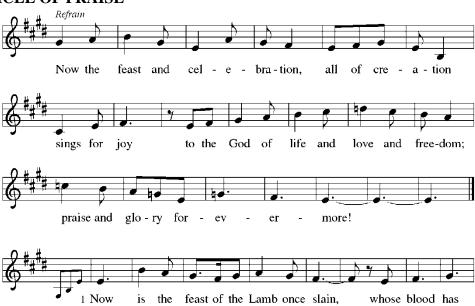
- P Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- C And also with you.

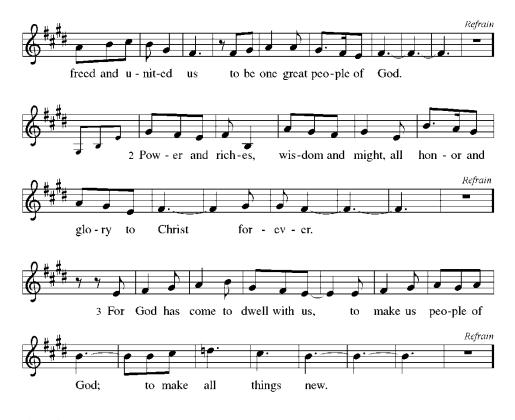
## **KYRIE**





## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





#### **SALUTATION**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

Congregation is Seated and are invited to sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward.

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together immediately after the Children's sermon. Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day. Children birth through 3 years-old are invited to join others their age in the nursery.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1–21

A reading from the second chapter of Acts.

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 8:22–27

A reading from the eighth chapter of Romans.

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

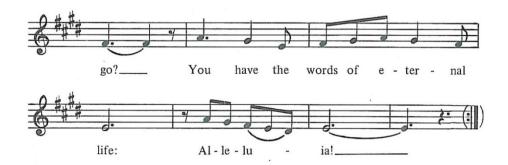
<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### **GOSPEL VERSE**





**GOSPEL** 

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.

## Chapter 15

<sup>26</sup>When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

## Chapter 16

<sup>4b</sup>"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON . . . . . Pastor Micah

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind . . . . . . All Stand & Sing



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#### APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence*.

For the church as it receives your Holy Spirit and shares its hope in Christ. For advocates of truth and forgiveness and for perseverance in prayer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

<sup>\*</sup> catholic with a small "c" refers to the whole Christian church throughout the world.

For the creation as life takes root and grows. For the earth and all planets, for the sun, moon, and stars, for the natural wonders in, among, and beyond us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

For the nations as they seek guidance. For government and tribal leaders, for international organizations, for translators and interpreters, for prophets and peacemakers. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

For those who suffer as they long for healing. For those who are lonely or forgotten, for those who are ill (*especially*). For veterans, military personnel, and those who advocate on their behalf (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

For this worshiping community: For acolytes and ushers, readers and intercessors, musicians and artists, for all ministries of hospitality, and for those who cannot be with us this day. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

We remember saints led by your Spirit. Open our eyes to your work in the world and inspire hope for the world to come. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

#### **PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** O God, Whose Word Well Planted . . . . . . . . Church Choir

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** As The Grains of Wheat . . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing

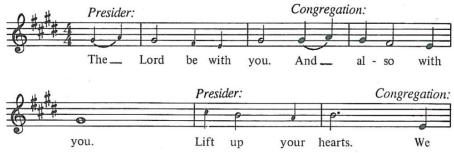


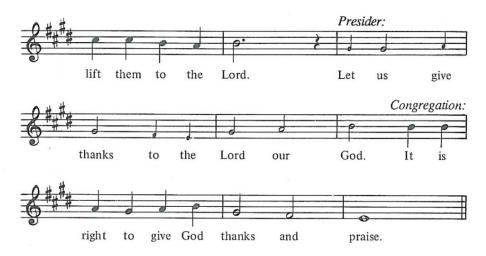
#### OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

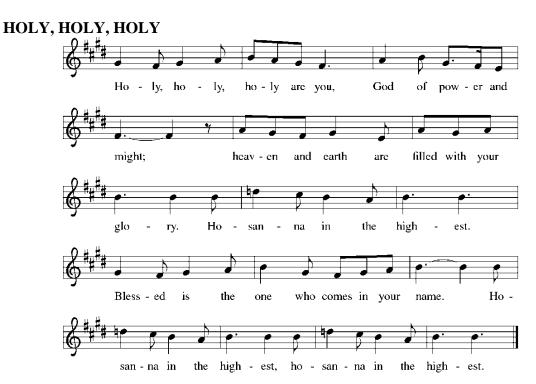
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING





### **PREFACE**

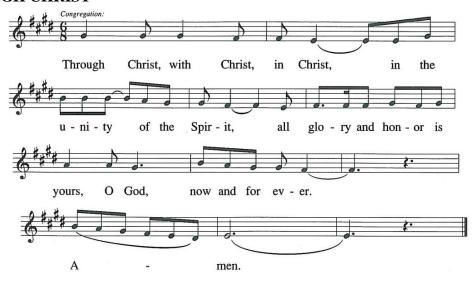
P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P ... and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

### THROUGH CHRIST



### 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 and ever. Amen.

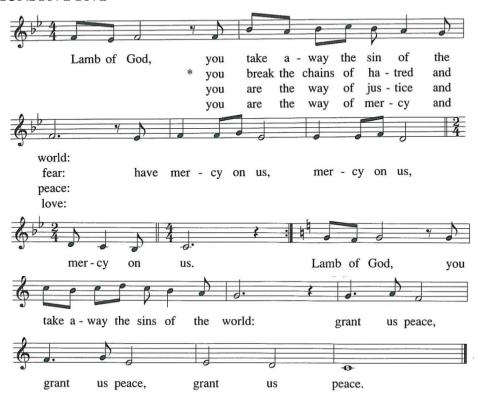
### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the Banquet, where the feast of life is spread.

C Thanks be to God.



### **COMMUNION SONG**



## **COMMUNION**

A cordial invitation is extended to all baptized persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



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- 1 Lov ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir it, you have cho sen me to be-
- 2 Like a moth-er you en fold me, hold my life with in your own,
- 3 Like a fa-ther you pro-tect me, teach me the dis-cern-ing eye,
- Friend and lov-er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
  Lov-ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir-it, you have cho-sen me to be—



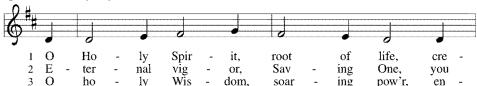
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me. feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone. hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high. in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest. you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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all things: a - noint cleans our wounds, a tor, er a free by your liv - ing Word, be - com ing flesh us to com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car ry en -



Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621 Text ⊕ 1991 Jean Janzen, admin. Augsburg Fortress

- P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Let us pray,
- C Life-giving God,

we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

- P Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.
- C Amen.
- P Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.
- C Amen.
- P God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.
- C Amen.



**SENDING SONG:** Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing . . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

#### DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE: Jubilation . . . . . Leavitt

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<u>A CORDIAL WELCOME</u> is extended to all of our visitors on this **Pentecost Sunday.** We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

<u>CHILDREN</u> are welcome in worship. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance finding it.



**KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER:** Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. If you wish a name to be added to our prayer list, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in a form online at www.holyc.org.

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Kathy Graves.

<u>Those who have placed flowers on the altar</u> may use containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church. *Greg Byrum, Worship & Music* 

## Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, May 17, 2015:

Attendance: 120

Budget ReportMay 17, 2015Current Offering Received 5/17/2015\$ 3,344.76Weekly Budgeted Expenses\$ 4,598.27Offering, Year-To-Date (YTD)\$ 98,022.34Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD\$ 5,516.70Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD\$ 7,157.18

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye, Jr. **GREETER:** Bill Hollar

**ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER:** Need Volunteers

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADERS: NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am)
Maria & Madison Carr Trudy Whitener + Tyler Ange

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 2)

Brad Milton, Co-Captain TELLERS: Shelia & Tim Kelly

Brandy Milton, Co-Captain

Donna Bean Susan Woodcock USHERS: Volunteers Needed

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**: (Team B) **EUCHARIST PRESENTERS**:

Fran Holland Charles Mauney Need Volunteers

+ Volunteers

**BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: May 24-30** 

Today, Mandi Kline May 28 Richard Fox
Perri Potter Angie Koehler

May 25 Michael Jenkins Dawn Mitchell
William Kline

**THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:** 

Today, Sunday, May 24Tuesday, May 269:30 am Sunday School7:00 pm Nar-Anon

10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion Wednesday, May 27

8:00 pm Nar-Anon 7:00 pm *Christian Ed* Meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday School Attendance May 17, 2015:** Nursery=7 children & 3 adults; Pre-K=4 children & 1 adult; God's Eden=6 children & 1 adult; Youth=1 adult, Adult Bible=14, Seekers= 15; **Totals = 17 Children and 36 Adults** 

**Sunday, May 31** the kids of Holy Comforter will take up the "noisy offering" for the *ELCA Malaria Campaign*. So save up your change and bring with you on May 31.



**FLOWER CHART:** We have openings on the flower chart for Sundays beginning in July through the end of November. If you would like to provide flowers for our altar, please choose an available Sunday and sign your name and who you are honoring. The cost of one vase is \$22.50, both vases are \$45.00. The flower chart is in the narthex.

**EUCHARIST PRESENTERS**: Eucharist Presenters are needed for the following Sundays: June 28, July 12, July 26 and August 9. If you are willing to serve as a Eucharist presenter, please sign your name at the date you are willing to serve. Sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

**GREETERS:** Greeters are needed for May 31, June 14, July 12, August 30, September 6, 13 & 27; October 18 & 25; December 20 & 27. If you are willing to serve as a greeter on either of these dates, please sign your name at the date you wish to serve. Sign-up sheet located in the narthex.

**USHERS:** Ushers are needed for the months of June-December. Please sign your name at the date you are willing to serve. Sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR NURSERY:** Sign-up sheet for nursery volunteers has been added for August-November. Please sign your name at the date you are willing to serve



## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise AustinDot HollandHolly PecheNate BaakkoZac HullanderMark ReeseBrenda DabrowskiBill & Pauline JoyeBeverly ReynoldsDaniel DowdDianne LailGeorge RobersonFerrie HedrickChase LinebergerMarguerite Shive

#### **GREATER FAMILY OF GOD**

**Taylor Propst & Family** Richard Abernethy Stacy Hunsucker Harriett Ange Dennis Jordan **David Prouty** Wesley Jordan Julio Quiros Paige Beaver Parents of Teresa Rankin Steven Keating Jenny Beer Father Frank Cancro Marshall Kinley Anna Rudder Tina Capwell Karin Larsen Kathy Safford Megan Sigler Terry Mahaffey Clell Davis E. Taylor & Family Jo Anne de la Vega Al McCov Carson Thomas J. Don Devine Clay McCoy Zachary Evans Mark Outlaw Janie Thompson Gloria Ward Jamey Gardner Alicia Overton Pastor Gary Weant Poss Garrett Ramesh Patel Ronnie Garrison Jean Peters Olivia Wilcox Lewis Gilbert Family Jeff Wiles **Beverly Howe Poag** 

#### **OUR SERVICEMEN**

Matt Cisek Jason Gardner

Brian Hedrick



Jim Poag

Dillon Kasmer Alex Norris Jeremy Shaver

#### **OUR MISSIONARIES**

Austin & Tanya Propst (Young Adults in Global Mission)

Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform Trudy Whitener or Dianne in the church office.

The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org.



# Have a safe and Happy Memorial Day!

Remember Those Who Served.

## **Holy Comforter Lutheran Church**

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

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Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education
Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor
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