

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:13-16

7th Grade Class
Pew Bible pg. 921

THE MESSAGE

“God & Creation”

Confirmation Class

†**THE CLOSING HYMN** “This Is My Father’s World”

#59 Chalice Hymnal

THE FAMILY FRIENDLY COMMON COMMISSION (Unison)

Let us go into the world peacefully. Let us go without being scared. Let us go and hold on to good things. Let us go and not do bad things—even when bad things are done to us. Let us go and help people who need it. Let us go and love God and do what God wants. Let us go and be happy that the Holy Spirit is with us and helps us.

THE BENEDICTION

It’s just this simple. God loves you! Be good to each other. Go in peace. Go with God. Amen.

THE POSTLUDE

Improvisation
Dr. Joe Utterback, organ

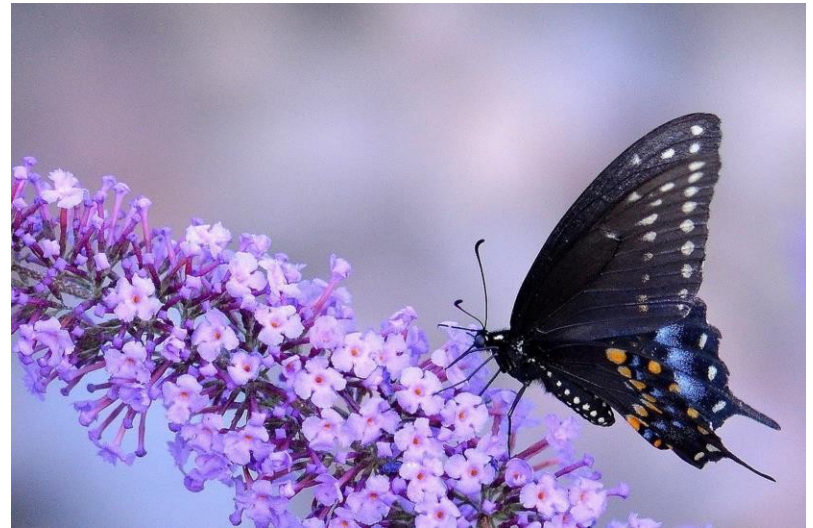
†Please stand in body or in spirit.

When exiting the pew, please be careful and **STEP DOWN.**



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WORSHIP
10:00 AM

Sunday, April 21, 2024

The Rev. Edward Rawls, Minister Sandy O’Neill, Church Administrator
Dr. Joe Utterback, Director of Music Don Coulson, Financial Secretary
Mike Nunno, Facilities Manager Mike Morra, Technology Specialist
Jacquelyn Owens, Youth Ministry Administrator
Jocelyn Ault, Director of Social Justice
Allison Fay, Chancel Choir Director/Digital Media Specialist
Jane Hartigan and Sue Collazo, Parish Nurses

Please respect this time of meditation and reflection by remaining quiet for the benefit of those around you who may be in a spirit of prayer.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **“Pass It On”** *Kaiser*
Alexa Joy, vocalist

CALL TO WORSHIP *4th–6th Grade Class*

Leader: Thank you for the farm animals that give us food.

People: God has blessed us. We are grateful for this.

Leader: Thank you for the ocean that gives us so many different fish.

People: God has created this abundance in the sea.

Leader: God created the beautiful flowers,

People: the flowers that are God’s gift to us.

All: God has given us so many blessings. We are grateful. Amen.

†**HYMN OF PRAISE** **“For the Beauty of the Earth”**
#56 Chalice Hymnal

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison) *1st–3rd Grade Class*

(from “Prayers for Little Hearts” by Sandra Magsamen)

God made the sun and God made the trees,

God made the mountains, and God made me.

Thank you, God, for the sun and the trees,

For making the mountains, and for making me! Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (See Insert)

†**BAPTISMAL HYMN** **“I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry”**
(Verses 1-4 & 7) #75 Chalice Hymnal

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN *Abbie Heaphy*

THE SCRIPTURE READING *7th Grade Class*
Genesis 1:1-25 **Pew Bible pg. 1**

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Pre-K–K Class

Children: Dear God, Thank you for our families,

Congregation: Thank you for our Children,

Children: and for our teachers,

Congregation: and for our neighbors,

Children: and our pets.

All: Be with us today as we gratefully celebrate You, our magnificent creator, and the beauty of the world around us. In times of trouble, help us not to be distracted by fear, darkness and evil, but to focus on all that is beautiful in our lives, to help those in need, and to appreciate the beauty of your creation.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

Collection of Gifts

Offertory Music **“What a Wonderful World”** *Thiele/David*
Dr. Joe Utterback, piano

†**DOXOLOGY (Unison)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Lord, we wonder at the beauty of your creation, and we cherish the love of family and friends. Lord, we offer these gifts to you with thankful hearts and in joyous praise. As we give willingly of our resources, we surrender our whole beings to you in worship and adoration. In Jesus name, Amen.

†**HYMN** **“All Things Bright and Beautiful”** **#61 Chalice Hymnal**

April 21, 2024

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Scout Barbara Thompson

WELCOME

Following the tradition of Jesus who welcomed children into his community, we celebrate the presence of children within this community of faith and offer to them the sacrament of baptism. In baptism, we celebrate the love of God made known in our children. We also affirm the sacredness of the covenant shared between our children, their parents, and this congregation to support our children as they grow and mature in faith.

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Pastor: Jesus calls us to welcome children into the full life of our community, opening our hearts to those most vulnerable, offering the wisdom of the ages to all who hunger for truth.
Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to this child being baptized as she lives and grows in this Christian community?

People: We promise our love, support and care.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: I invite you to respond with the historic affirmation of faith used at the time of baptism since the earliest days of the Christian Church:

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

WELCOME ON BEHALF OF CONGREGATION

BENEDICTION

