* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 the realm of the dead; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy universal church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Hymn

"Why Should I Feel Discouraged?"

No. 661 vs 1,3

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

The Offering of God's People

* Offertory Response

"Doxology"

No. 606

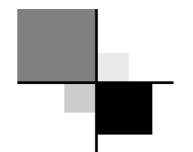
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

- * Offertory Prayer
- * Closing Hymn "May the God of Hope Go With Us" (2x) No. 765
- * Benediction
- * Choral Response





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A People of Loving Hearts and Helping Hands

Welcome and Announcements

Theme of the Day

If we gave to all who begged for handouts, would there be anything left to put away for our future? Ah, but Jesus also teaches that God is merciful and will restore abundantly. "For the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Accept the unpredictable, for God can be trusted!

Prelude

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Traditional Spiritual

Arr. Calvin Taylor

* Call to Worship

Psalm 37

Trust in God, and do good; so, you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security.

We shall be still before God, and wait patiently, refraining from anger and forsaking wrath.

Hope in the LORD. God will lift you up.

The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD.

Let us worship God!

* Hymn

"God is Calling Through the Whisper"

No. 410

Call to Confession

Are we envious because the wicked seem to prosper while righteous people struggle? Are we impatient with those whose ways disappoint us? Do we judge others by standards we ourselves cannot keep? Jesus invites us to examine ourselves, so that we may be freed from the oppression of our own attitudes.

Prayer of Confession

O Merciful and Gracious God, we have sinned against you. We have judged and condemned those whose actions offend us. We hesitate to make allowances for the behavior of those less fortunate than ourselves. We confess that we do not pray regularly for our friends, much less for our enemies. We admit our failures and ask once more for pardon and renewal..

Silent Confession

Let all God's people say, **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Remember that in all things we are more than conquerors because of God's love. "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Friends, in Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body in Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Message

Preparation to Hear God's Word

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 451, vs 2

Scripture Genesis 45:3-11,15

Anthem "Help Us Accept Each Other" John Ness Beck

Scripture Luke 6:27-38

Sermon "Who's the Enemy?" Jim Musgrave