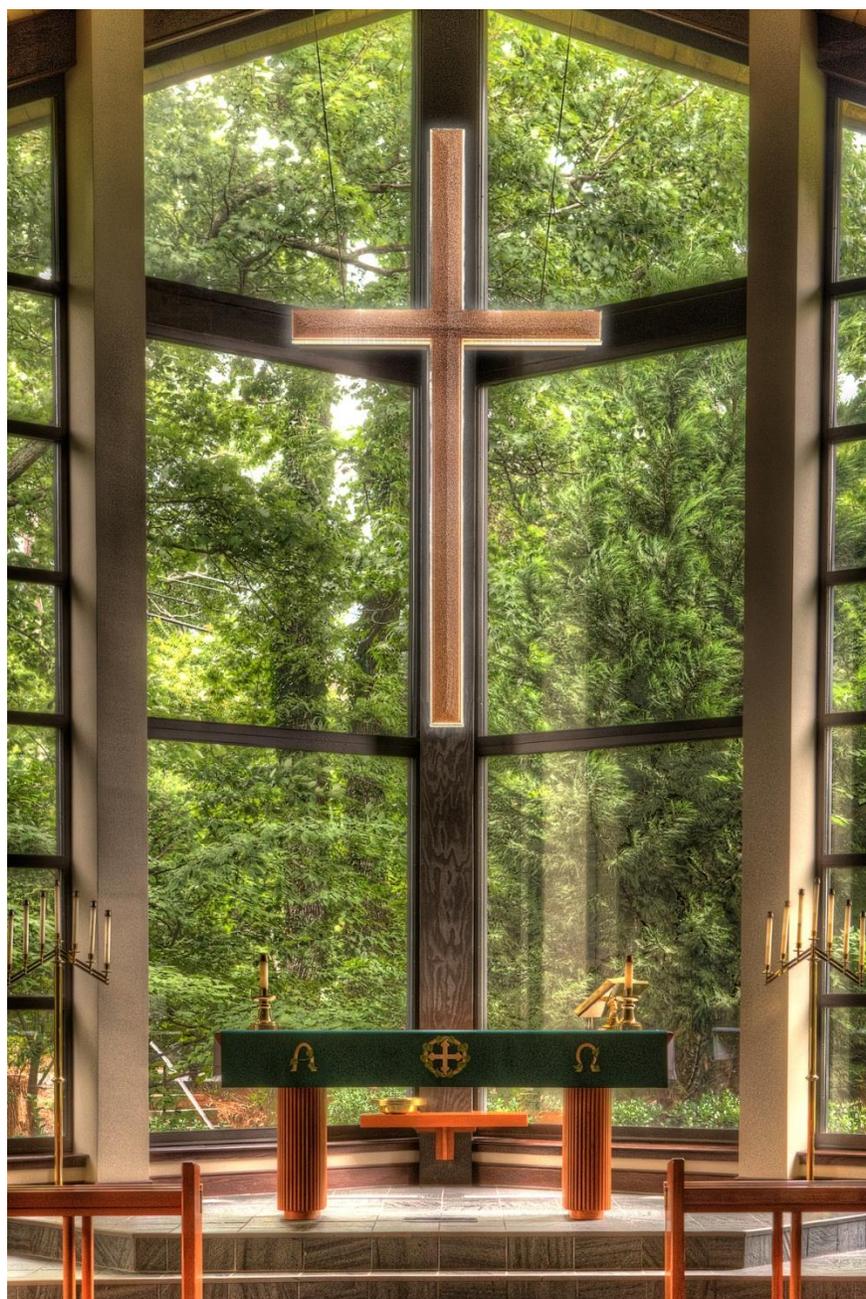


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PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Sonata from Die Bankelsangerlieder"

Speer/King

PRELUDE

"Hallelujah, Amen"

G.F. Handel/K. Lee Scott

OPENING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

LSB # 644 (v. 1,2,5)



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to Him!

God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

God has blessed us and brought us to this place.

God has caused His name to dwell in our midst.

God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.

God has shown us His glory in His mighty Word.

God has shown us the way of truth and life.

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to Him!

For 60 years, God has nurtured and fed us.

For 60 years, God has shown us His grace.

God has given Himself in Word and Sacrament.

God has empowered us with His Holy Spirit.

God has made us His witnesses in the world.

God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.

Praise the Lord for 60 years! Praise Him for many more!

Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the Lord!

Our eyes look back with thanksgiving.

Our eyes look forward in hope.

With thanksgiving for the past and hope for the future,

let us dedicate ourselves and our lives to the mission of the Church.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the Church, You have blessed us with 60 years of mission and ministry at The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills. You call us to be a remembering people. As remembering people, we look back at all the saving acts of Holy Scripture: the Creation, the Flood, the Covenant, the Exodus, the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and the Church. It is good that we remember that You have chosen us, baptized us, and brought us together as the Church of Christ in this place. As a remembering people we look back at Your goodness throughout every season of our congregation's history and life together; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"We are the Church"

K. Avery/D. Marsh

~Children ages 3 years thru 3rd grade may follow Ushers' instructions to attend Children's Church at this time~

THIS IS YOUR LIFE

1960's: Birth

Jeremiah 1:4-5

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Season

Response of Praise

"Built on the Rock"

LSB #645 (v. 1,3,5)

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His

stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal

ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, that, when the church bells are ringing,
 Many in saving faith may come where Christ His message is bringing:
 "I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
 My peace I leave with you. Amen."

1970's: Toddler Stage

Jeremiah 29:11

¹¹For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,
 plans for wholeness and not for evil,
 to give you a future and a hope.

Season

Response of Praise

Choir

"By Faith"

S. Townend/K. Getty

*By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
 In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
 By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
 With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.
 We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Christ, our soul's reward;
 'Til the race is finished and the work is done we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
 To deliver captives, and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth.
 By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail;
 For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.
 We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Christ, our souls' reward;
 'Til the race is finished and the work is done we'll walk by faith and not by sight.
 We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Christ, our souls' reward;
 'Til the race is finished and the work is done we'll walk by faith and not by sight.
 Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
 Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
 By faith we see the hand of God. By faith this mountain shall be moved.
 We'll walk by faith, by faith and not by sight. We'll walk by faith!*

1980's: Time for School

Luke 2:52

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Season

Response of Praise

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LSB #411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.
 The night and the day are both a - like.
 The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

1990's: College Years

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Season

Response of Praise

Choir

"Go Bear the Savior's Name"

B. Mock/B. Buda

*Go bear the Savior's name throughout the earth. There is no other goal of greater worth
 Than to shout, "The price is paid!" for our atonement has been made.*

Go bear the Savior's name throughout the earth.

Go take the Savior's name from sea to sea. Across the raging waters let us reach.

We must tell what God has done, of how He sent His only Son.

Go take the Savior's name from sea to sea.

The Lord who sends you will open hearts to hear. The Lord will keep you while in His loving care.

Go bear the Savior's name. Go, all His love proclaim. Go bear the Savior's name throughout the earth.

We've a story to tell to the nations, that can turn all their hearts to the right;

A story of truth and sweetness, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light!

Go share the Savior's name with those you know. Provide the gospel news to ev'ry soul.

Share His mercy, love and grace and all the wonders of His ways.

Go share the Savior's name with those you know.

The Lord who sends you will open hearts to hear. The Lord will keep you while in His loving care.

Go bear the Savior's name. Go, all His love proclaim. Go bear the Savior's name throughout the earth.

Go, bear the Savior's name, Go, all His love proclaim. Go bear the Savior's name throughout the earth.

Go bear the Savior's name throughout the earth.

2000's: Young Adult

Isaiah 43:1

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Season

Response of Praise

"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

LSB #848



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

2010's: Maturity

Ephesians 43:13-15

¹³Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching. ¹⁵Instead, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Season

Response of Praise

"Christ the Eternal Lord"

LSB #829 (v. 1,3-5)



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

5 Christ the ascended King, Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past; Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last to know as we are known.

PRAYERS

Almighty God, we give You thanks for the work You have done in this place. We give You thanks for Your love and faithfulness. When we called on Your name, You made Your presence known to us. When we prayed, You heard us. When we preached Your Word and administered Your Sacraments, You were in our midst. You have accepted our humble sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving. You have listened to our confessions and forgiven our sins. And You have sent Your Holy Spirit to heal and comfort our hurts, our sorrows, our infirmities, and our losses. Continue to empower us with Your Spirit, O Lord, that we might proclaim Your Gospel to all people.

We dedicate our lives to Your service.

Help us to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say.

We dedicate our lives to Your service.

Show us how we might give care and support to the needy, love and mercy to the broken and forlorn.

We dedicate our lives to Your service.

Show us new ways of loving one another and those around us.

We dedicate our lives to Your service.

Grant that we may continually grow in the Spirit and in the ministry that You give us as members of Your royal priesthood, the priesthood of all believers, so that we may carry out our mission of service and love.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Continue to comfort, heal, and lift up the broken and afflicted among us. By the promise of Your presence, bring us Your healing love.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Bring us at last to the joy of Your eternal kingdom, where, with the faithful of this church who have gone before us and with all Your saints, we may evermore praise Your name.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Blessed Lord, draw our hearts to You, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills and make us wholly Yours. Use us as You will, to the glory of Your holy name and the welfare of Your people; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

HANDBELL CHOIR

"Worship and Praise Our Lord and King"

M. Helman

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

~The service continues on the following page with the Sending Hymn~

SENDING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

LSB #803



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

~The offering will be taken at the door~



We thank The Cathedral Brass of Birmingham for sharing their talents at today's service:

Trumpets: James Zingara and Carly Johnson

Horn: Kevin Kozak

Trombone: Doug Bristol

Tuba: R. Scott Robertson