

Worship for November 14

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to worship,
knowing that God is already here among us;
knowing that there is nothing that separates us
from the presence of our Lord.
Wherever we are, wherever we go,
God is near.
So let us enter into this service of worship
with confidence and hope,
knowing that God is already with us,
and that He stands eager to meet us
and bless us with His love.

inspired by Hebrews 10:19-22

OPENING MUSIC - *He Keeps Me Singing*, Mark Hayes

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most gracious and most merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another that time after time
we have entered your presence with countless prayers,
but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.
We have lifted our hands to you in praise,
but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.
We have rehearsed your commandments
but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.
We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith
and pardon our acts of injustice.
Grant us the healing that comes from your presence
and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

HYMN - *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*, Hymn 41, verses 1,3,5

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

Cindy Lee

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 10: 19 – 25

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

SERMON *Turning “Limens” into Lemonade*

Rev. Scott Lawson

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1

ANTHEM - *For the Beauty of the Earth*, arr. Patricia Sanders Cota Starmount Ringers

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

“Susan White Preschool Scholarship Fund – Special Offering” - Video

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's 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 hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN - *Farewell, Good Friends!*, Hymn 540 (sung twice as a canon)

BENEDICTION