

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 8, 2023

11:00 AM

Rev. Mark Spildooren

GREETING, WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty Father in heaven, we await with joy and thanksgiving the coming ministry of Your Son. As He grows in our lives, may He fill us with Your Word and prepare us for Your great work. We pray this day that Your Spirit may descend upon us, inspiring and strengthening us to follow the path You set before us. This we pray in Jesus name. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

People: *I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds!*

Leader: I will be glad and exult in You,

People: *I will sing praises to the name of the Most High!*

Leader: For the Lord sits enthroned forever,

ALL: *And His righteous will be for all eternity!*

*** HYMN-Beneath the Cross of Jesus p. 253**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Forgiving Father, who sees our sins and weaknesses, we confess this day that we have turned aside from Your Word and Your Truth. Our Savior's Good News of Salvation is ignored, and we do not do Your will. Help us Father, forgive us our sins, and allow us freely follow our Christ's call to Righteousness. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, WAVING THE PEACE

A TIME FOR THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG

***HYMN-When I Survey the Wondrous Cross p. 258**

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 61: 8 - 11

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 2: 22 - 40

SERMON: "Packing It Away."

***HYMN-Getting Used to the Family of God p. 548**

***PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

***DOXOLOGY**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN-Let Us Break Bread Together p. 564**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN-Blest Be the Tie p. 560**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

**congregation standing*

We welcome all visitors with us this morning. We hope you will feel the warmth of God's love through our fellowship and that you will return again soon.

We welcome Rev. Mark Spildooren back to Larison's Corner. Rev. Spildooren was our minister for 20 years. He and his wife, Julie, live in Flemington with their dog, Jet. Their daughter, Olivia, now resides in Somerville.