

# Morning Song

May 14, 2023

8:45am Fogartie Hall



Welcome

Gathering Song

Prayer of Praise

Songs of Praise

## Prayer of Confession

Loving God, forgive us  
when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives:  
when we walk through our days  
and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us;  
when we experience holy moments and yet fail to savor your presence,  
instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life  
as each day rushes at us with its demands.  
Open our eyes to your presence, God of love,  
that we may trust more fully in your tender care and gracious mercy...

## Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!

## Response

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Church

Children's Time

First Reading

1 Peter 3:13-18

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Sermon

"Challenge and Comfort"

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Affirmation of Faith  
from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit  
gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Prayers of the People  
The 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

Offering

Song

Benediction

# Participating in Today's Service

Rev. Leslie A. Lang,

Associate Pastor, Young Adults and Missions

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise,

Associate Pastor, Youth and Campus Ministries

Rev. L. Craig Foster,

Associate Pastor, Discipleship and Communications

Kathryn Martin,

Reader

## Morning Song Musicians

Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals;

Kolby Carrouth, drums; Cooper Cecil, electric guitar;

Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals; Anna Harkey, violin;

Leigha Keller, vocals; Jeff Key, bass guitar

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