

***Hymn 772**

“Live into Hope”

***The Charge** (responsive)

Mark 1:15-17

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming,

**“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news.”**

And he said to the fishermen,

“Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

***Sung Benediction 306** (vss. 1 and 5)

“Blessed Be the Tie that Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

***Blessing**

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

A hearing loop is active; set hearing aid to “T-coil.”

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

January 21, 2018, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Henri Nouwen (1932-1996)

*“People who live in a world of fear are more likely to make aggressive, hostile,
destructive responses than people who are not so frightened.*

The more afraid we are, the harder waiting becomes.

That is why waiting is such an unpopular attitude for many people.”

Chimes of the Trinity and Ritual of Fellowship

Voluntary

“The Lone, Wild Bird and Variation II”

PROSPECT

McFadyen/Carter

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 62:1-2

From God comes my salvation.

For God alone my soul waits in silence.

God alone is my rock and my salvation.

God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

***Hymn 463**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you.

You call, but we do not listen;

you show us your path, but we prefer our own way.

Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you,

that we might show mercy to others.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Assurance of Pardon

Response 586

“Alleluia”

*The cantor sings the verse once;
the congregation sings the verse the second time.*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

I Corinthians 7:29-31

***Hymn 721**

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Reading from the Gospels

Mark 1:14-20

Hymn 410

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 62:5-12

Sermon

“A Soul Waiting in Silence”

Keith Grogg

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 of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Fantasy on Holy Manna”

Columbian Harmony/
1825/arr. Carter

***Doxology 607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore, amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Affirmation of Faith** (responsive)

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.**