

Welcome and Announcements: Rick Moore

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 95

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

**Congregation: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Pastor: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**Congregation: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Pastor: For the Lord is a great God,

**Congregation: and a great King above all gods.**

Pastor: In his hand are the depths of the earth;

**Congregation: the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it,

**Congregation: and his hands formed the dry land.**

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

**Congregation: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

**All: For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

Song of Adoration: Hymn #521- My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Hymn #599- Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Song of Thanksgiving: Gentle Shepherd

Profession of Faith :Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 47-48

Q. But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

A. Christ is true human and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

Q. If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?

A. Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity that has been taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.

Epistle Reading: James 1:8-18

Confession of Sin:

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Red Book #43- O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Sermon text: Luke 9:57-62

**57** As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." **58** And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

**59** To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." **60** And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

**61** Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." **62** Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Children's Message

Sermon: The Urgency of Following Jesus

Outline:

- I. Giving Up Home
- II. No Greater Obligation
- III. Wholeheartedly Focused on Jesus

Closing Song: Hymn #727- Lead Me, Lord

Benediction: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.