Prelude

Greetings

Call to Worship-Excerpt from Psalm 121

Leader: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

People: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, light and life.

Leader: Let us worship this God that we might see the light that illumines the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. And we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-41
Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd

Kyle Stanberry, Clarinet

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture,
And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
For his Name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Sermon:

“Healing Blindness or Not”
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Affirmation of Faith

Excerpt from Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel....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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

This Old Hammer—Traditional Spiritual
Terry McManis, Baritone; Steve Bixler, Guitar

This old hammer killed John Henry ...
But it won’t kill me.

Take this hammer to the walkin’ cross ...
Tell him I’m gone.

Did He ask you any question ...
Tell Him you don’t know.

My hammer shines, it shines like silver.
I’ll let my life shine on forever.

So, Mr. Jesus please, stay with me.
This old hammer killed John Henry ...
But it won’t kill me.

Doxology

No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

All Who Love and Serve Your City
No. 413
Charge and Benediction
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Postlude

Allegro

Everett Titcomb

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