Greetings

Leader: This the day that the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Call to Worship

Leader: The good news of the gospel is this: For by grace we have been saved through faith.
People: It is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.
Leader: Let us worship the Lord, who is generous to all who call on him!

Prayer of the Day

O Christ, the risen One, ascended into heaven, yet closer than our own breath, draw us into your presence. Be near to us - near to our praises, our prayers, our words, our songs; near to our wonderings, our tentative answers, our hidden doubts, our deepest affirmations. Be near to us, risen Lord. Amen.

Hymn

The Church’s One Foundation (Vs. 1, 4, 5) No. 442

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of unity and peace, you know that we talk much about peace, but at the same time make much trouble for ourselves and for each other. We quarrel -- in church, at home, at work and even between nations and religions. We let our loyalties to things and ideas and even our nation surpass our loyalty to Jesus Christ. We hide from the cross, thinking ourselves too good or grand for such humiliation. Forgive us, in your mighty mercy. Embrace us with the Spirit’s power of reconciliation. Fill us with a powerful light that shines with love into all the world. May we become even more committed to living Christ-like lives today and every day. In the name of our risen Lord, Friend and Savior. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri No. 579

First Reading

I Peter 4:12-14; 5: 6-11

Kids Connection (pre-recorded)

Liz Norris

Second Reading

Acts 1: 6-14
Sermon: "Are We a Rowboat Church or a Sailboat Church?"
Pastor Judy Michel

Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

Good News Celebration
Dale Wood

Share the good news celebration! Sing His praises joyfully.
Share with every tribe and nation, Christ has come and sets us free.
Chorus: Sing and praise Him! Worthy of our praise is He.
Alleluia! Sing and praise Him joyfully.
Witness now with expectation, Share the gospel far and near;
Tell of Christ and His salvation, spread the news that all may hear. Chorus.
Share the good news celebration! Share the news of God’s design;
Let us sing with jubilation, we are branches, He’s the vine.
Alleluia, praise the Lord. Sing and praise Him joyfully!

Doxology
No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn
Lift Every Voice and Sing (Vs. 1)
No. 563

Charge and Benediction
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Postlude
Toccata in g minor
Johann Pachelbel

Worship Leaders

Guest Pastor
Judy Michel
Liturgist
Phil Michel
Director of Music
Steve Bixler
Organist
Mark Sweeney