

Gather

PRELUDE *Andante Cantabile* [Peter Tchaikovsky]

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Alex Shea Will

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING *I Woke Up This Morning* [Spiritual]

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 81) Jennifer Murray

Sing aloud to God our strength;
Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song,
blow the trumpet!
God provides the finest of wheat,
and sweet honey from the rock.

*OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*
(Red #138)

During the hymn, the children are invited to attend Church School.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION Terry Ebner

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all wisdom, compassion and mercy, we confess that we are worn out from our labors and long for peace; and yet we resist your gift of Sabbath rest. We hunger for meaningful, close relationships, and yet we avoid giving away too much of ourselves. We thirst for creative inspiration and deep joy in our lives, and yet we forget to open our eyes to your wonder all around us. Forgive us, O God, fill us with your Spirit and set us free for love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION The Rev. Dana Allen Walsh & Terry Ebner

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Eat the bread when served, hold the cup until all are served.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Let Us Break Bread Together*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Center

SCRIPTURE Mark 2:23-28 (N.T. p.28) David VanArsdale

One Sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.'

SERMON Unlawful But Just Alex Shea Will

MEDITATION

Share

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dana Allen Walsh

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

You are invited to write a prayer to God: it can be as simple as a word or phrase, or a full expression of the joy or concern that is on your heart. You're invited to leave your prayers in the offering plate and the South Church staff will lift your prayer up to God this week.

A SONG OF PRAYER *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

**Hear our prayer, O Lord,
hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline your ear to us,
and grant us your peace.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

* All who are able, please stand.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS IN THANKSGIVING

INVITATION Jennifer Murray

OFFERTORY *This Little Light of Mine* [Spiritual]

***DOXOLOGY** [#515 Blue]

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** David VanArsdale

DEDICATION OF THE FOURTH CENTURY FUND

***CLOSING HYMN** *God Is Here* (Red #461)

Bless

***BENEDICTION** Alex Shea Will

***POSTLUDE** *Postlude in G Minor* [J.S. Bach]

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our sympathy to the family and friends of church member **Pat Stokes** who died on May 24th at Edgewood, No. Andover.

Our sympathy to Jane Johnson and family on the death of her husband **Donald Johnson** on May 1st. A memorial service will take place here on Monday June 3 at 10:30am. A reception will follow.

Our sympathy to Tom Davis and family on the death of his father **Richard Davis** on May 19 in Michigan.

Our sympathy to Lindsay King and family on the recent death of her grandmother.

FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given in memory of **James S. Eastham** by the Memorial Flower Fund.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICES

Acolytes: Lucy Henderson, Audrey Thoma / **Deacons:** David VanArsdale, Dave Floreen, Dave Bryan / **Fellowship:** Char Lyons, Alex Schuck / **Greeters:** Mulu Kebede, Lindsay King / **Flower Arranger:** Carol Hopkinson / **Flower Deliverers:** Dave Floreen, Steve Longo / **Head Usher:** Dave Schmehl / **Sound:** Tom Appleton / **Trustee:** Dave Jagger / **Sanctuary Choir**

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

All Members are Ministers / Dana Allen Walsh, Senior Pastor / Alex Shea Will, Associate Pastor / Sherry Tupper, Minister of Visitation / Terry Ebner, Minister of Spiritual Formation / Jennifer Murray, Youth Minister & Seminarian / Linda Francalancia Hacker, Administrator / Bob Lague, Interim Minister of Music / Joanne Smith, Financial Administrator / Nora Pelt, Communications Administrator / Wally Brousseau, Facilities Manager