A Service of Worship

PRELUDE — My Shepherd Will Supply My Need — Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Rich Lambert

CHORAL INTROIT — Rejoice in the Lord — John Horman

†CALL TO WORSHIP (Matthew 7:15-20) — Rev. Rich Lambert

Leader Brothers and sisters, beware false teachers!They make bold promises but profit only themselves.

People They are ravenous wolves dressed as sheep.

Leader Are grapes gathered from a thorn bush, or figs from thistles?

People A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.

Leader Therefore let us be filled with the words, the ways, and the life of Christ Jesus!

People Every tree is known by its fruit, so let our lives bear his gospel.

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION — Rev. Rich Lambert

†HYMN # 284 — They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

CALL TO CONFESSION — Rev. Rich Lambert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, and merciful Father,

in whom we live and move and have our being; whose face is hidden from sin, and whose mercy we forget in our calloused hearts: forgive our iniquities, cleanse us from every offense, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Give us the Spirit's gifts of repentance, and humility. And turn your face toward us in Christ Jesus, who alone is our cleansing, our forgiveness, and our renewal. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON — Rev. Rich Lambert

PASSING OF THE PEACE — Rev. Rich Lambert

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN *followed by the Blessing of the Children and Release to Children's Church* — April Patek

OFFERING — Goodness of God, *Worship Team/MCPC Choir* — Ingram/Fielding

†DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE LESSON — Acts 12:1-11 — Rev. Rich Lambert

SERMON — God Save (Us From) The King — Rev. Rich Lambert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — *Heidelberg Catechism #21*

What is true faith?

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, to others and to me, in which trust I enjoy the forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted only by Christ's merit. AMEN.

SPECIAL MUSIC — Wonderful, *Worship Team/MCPC Choir* — Brenton Brown

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER — Rev. Rich Lambert

†HYMN # 213 — Because He Lives

BENEDICTION — Rev. Rich Lambert

CHORAL BENEDICTION — Let the Words of My Mouth — Adolph Baumbach

POSTLUDE — Because He Lives, *Worship Team* — Reprise

Bell Ringer: Luke Weinbach
Acolyte: Reagan Weinbach

†*All who are able are invited to stand*