

A Service of Worship

PRELUDE	Song C	Bruce Hornsby
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Rich Lambert
CHORAL INTROIT	Rejoice in the Lord	John Horman
†CALL TO WORSHIP (<i>Matthew 7:24-27</i>)		Rev. Rich Lambert
Leader	Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise builder who builds a house on the rock."	
People	"And the rains fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on the rock."	
Leader	And Jesus said again, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish builder who built a house on the sand."	
People	"And the same rains fell, and the same floods came, and the same winds blew and beat against that house, and great was the fall of it."	
†PRAYER OF INVOCATION		Rev. Rich Lambert
†HYMN # 220	He Lives	
CALL TO CONFESSION		Rev. Rich Lambert
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Almighty and merciful God, We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost, wandering sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended 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 us, who confess our faults. Restore us, 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.		
ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rev. Rich Lambert
PASSING OF THE PEACE		Rev. Rich Lambert
BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN <i>and Release to Children's Church</i>		Rev. Rich Lambert
OFFERING	Good Good Father	Barrett/Brown
†DOXOLOGY		
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Acts 15:1-18	Rev. Rich Lambert
SERMON	Who's In Charge?	Rev. Rich Lambert
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (<i>Ephesians 4, 1 Peter:5, 1 Timothy:3</i>)		
When Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave gifts to his church. And what gifts did he give you? The gifts Christ gave are these - apostles, and prophets, evangelists, and pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the whole body of Christ. And how are Elders among these gifts? Elders are given to tend to the flock, remembering that the flock belongs to God. They tend to us willingly, not by obligation; they do so faithfully, not for shameful gain; they do so gently, not domineering those in their charge. And how are Deacons among these gifts? Deacons are given to care for the flock, to ensure none fall by the way, and none are left behind. The Deacons stir us all to care for the flock - befriending the lonely, attending to the sick and wounded, and seeing to the needs of widows and orphans. And why has Jesus given you these gifts? Our Savior gives us all we need for life, and godliness, and shared ministry. Thanks be to God!		
CHORAL ANTHEM	Go By Jesus	Nan Allen
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Rich Lambert
†HYMN # 553	Sweet By and By	
BENEDICTION		Rev. Rich Lambert
CHORAL BENEDICTION	Let the Words of My Mouth	Adolph Baumbach
POSTLUDE	Be Thou My Vision	Arr by Choplin
†All who are able are invited to stand		