

# Sunday Worship

May 12th, 2024

**Prelude** *The Bible Stands* (H. Lillenas)

## Welcome and Announcements

### \* Choral Introit and Presentation of the Holy Bible

*Antiphonal Praise* (S. Green)

\* **Candle of Hope – Hymn 379** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*  
(First Verse)

\* **Call to Worship** (Ephesians 5:15-16, 18b-20) – JoAnne Treubig

Leader: Be very careful, then, how you live

**People: Not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity**

Leader: Therefore do not be foolish

**People: But understand what the Lord's will is**

Leader: Be filled with the Spirit

**People: Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit**

Leader: Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord

**All: Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

\* **Hymn 324** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

## Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, perfect in wisdom and holiness, we confess this day that we have failed to use our gifts and calling to pave the way for future leaders of the church. We hold on to power and authority out of fear. When teaching others feels harder than doing something ourselves, we make the choice to disempower them instead of training them up, making it harder for them to reach their full potential as faithful Christians. Worse still, we often see our place in the church as a job or a task rather than a mission and a calling. Have mercy on this generation and the next. Change our hearts and renew our minds. Bring forward the church of tomorrow and let the church of today welcome it with joy. (Time of silent confession) **Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

**Anthem –** *Walk Through the Valley in Peace* (D.E. Wagner)

## Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture** Acts 1:4-17, 21-26 (p. 770, 771)

**Sermon** Calling and Casting Lots

**Hymn 434** *Today We All Are Called to be Disciples*

**Affirmation of Faith** Apostle's Creed (Trad, Blue Hymnal, p.14)

**Offering and \*Doxology** (592, Blue Hymnal)



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**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

\* **Hymn 525** *Here I Am, Lord*

\***Benediction** *Lord of Life - Edelweiss* (R. Rodgers, O. Hammerstein)

**Postlude** *Under His Wings* (W.O. Cushing, I.D. Sankey)

Please remain seated for the playing of the Postlude.

**Flowers**

Today's lovely flowers were given by Sue Pillion in honor of all mothers.

**Bible Study**

5/15: John 17:1-26

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