

Online Edition Timothy's Characteristics

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Online

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" *Healey Willan*
Lori Murray

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Pastor Rob*)

CALL TO WORSHIP "Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord" *Psalm 95/John Tirro*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Pastor Rob*)

L: Merciful God, it isn't easy for us to follow the commandments of loving.

C: **Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors. But we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning them away from those who need our love.**

L: We place a test before you, asking that you prove your love to us, or we threaten not to believe in you.

C: **Please forgive us for this foolishness and stubbornness. Give us the courage to be people who will care for others. Let us dedicate our lives in your service, always aware of your awesome love for us. This we ask in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

L: Though our hearts were hardened to the needs of others, God has touched them with compassionate care, healing our wounds and giving courage and strength to our souls. Rejoice, and be assured that God's love is poured out for you! AMEN.

SONG OF PRAISE "Come, All You People" **ELW #819**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING (*Mark Bergherr*)

1 Timothy 4:7-12

Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #173

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

SONG OF THE DAY

“Jesus Loves Me!”

ELW #595

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Assistant*)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assistant*)

L: Called together as brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray for the church, our community, and our world...

L: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #185

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Assistant*)

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

COUNCIL UPDATE

BENEDICTION (*Pastor Rob*)

L: Go out into the world in peace; Love the lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“This Little Light of Mine”

ELW #677

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Amen.

POSTLUDE