

**PRELUDE**

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow/ Gabriel/Martin*  
Soloist: Faith Burchfield

**WORDS OF GREETING**

Kevin Sheahan

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD Ephesians 3:17b-21 (NIV)

Leader: I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints.

People: **To grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,**

Leader: And to know this love that surpasses knowledge

People: **That you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.**

Leader: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

People: **To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout.**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 535

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*

**WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

People: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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**

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**MISSION MOMENT**

Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services, Val Weaver

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*It Is Well with My Soul/ Spafford*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

I Peter 1:17-2:3 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. <sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For,

“All men are like grass,  
and all their glory is like the  
flowers of the field;  
the grass withers and the flowers fall,  
<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord stands forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

<sup>2:1</sup> Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,  
<sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

SERMON

*Faith that Loves*  
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **597**

*Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

Dismissal of Children to Music room and Sunday School hour

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS