

Miami – Prelude & Ringing of the Church Bell

Gail Jones – Organist

Osawatomie – Prelude –

Marti Bogart

Paola – Prelude –

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Announcements

Osawatomie – Ringing the Chimes

Call to Worship

Leader: The God we worship is the giver of life:

People: the One who makes the dry tree green and grows a forest from the smallest seed.

Leader: The God we worship is the giver of life:

All: the One who forms us, names us, loves us, and teaches us to share our lives with the world.

Glory to God Hymn #263 – All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

We are called to confess

God will not count our trespasses against us, longing instead for us to be reconciled. We come before God, then, in honesty, humility, and hope.

We confess our sins to God and one another

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes— fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Time for silent, personal confession

We receive the assurance of pardon

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All: We are ambassadors for Christ, for God has reconciled us through him!

Glori Patri

Passing the Peace

Message for the Young at Heart (Video)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S GOOD NEWS

We Pray Together, the Prayer of the Day

God, Sower of seeds, be at work among us, we pray, that your church may thrive in faithfulness. Whether we are the size of a tall cedar or are a small sprig, it does not matter. You are able to put us to good use. Not by our efforts, but by your power and grace we bear fruit, produce boughs of spacious welcome. You can make even a dry tree flourish! Even we can become a new creation! Urge us on, then, in the love of Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

Today's Scripture Reading:

Ezekiel 17:22–24

Liturgist

Mark 4:26–34

Pastor Paul

Reflecting on Scripture – Big Thing in a Little Package

Pastor Paul

Osawatomie Special Music –

Marti Bogart

Miami & Paola Special Music -

Gail Jones

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer (Please use debts and debtors)

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to stewardship

We give thanks in word and song to God, who makes us glad and gives us joy because of all that God has done. We enact our thanksgiving through these tithes and offerings. May God put to good use what we give today.

We ask for blessings on our tithes and offerings

Life-giving God, we know that you will accomplish everything you purpose. Accept, we pray, these offerings from our hands. May they contribute to what you are doing so that life may flourish. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Doxology

WE RESPOND AND GO IN GOD'S NAME

Glory to God Hymn #774 – There Is Now a New Creation

Charge & Benediction

Closing Response

“Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you...Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way...go ye now in peace, go ye now in peace.”

Postlude

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