Traditional Service		11:00 am	Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that spoils our witness for you so often deny with our lives what we say with our lips; for the diff	
Prelude	Concerto for 2 Trumpets, I. Alle (Composer: Vivaldi/Rondeau)	egro		d our conduct, our profession and our prac tes it easier for people to criticize your chu
Welcome			Grant unto us a true p	penitence for our sins. Grant that at the foot
Announcements			Spirit that in the days	burdens rolled away. And so strengthen ι to come we may live more nearly as we οι y offer their personal confessions to God)
Call to Worship Leader:	This is the day the Lord has made	;	In Jesus' Name we pr	ay, Amen.
People:	Let us rejoice and be glad in it!	#378		s, believe the Good News:
Opening Hymn	Lord of All Hopefulness	#376	People: In Jes	us Christ we are forgiven!
Responsive ReadingPsalm 103:1-14Praise the LORD, my soul; All my inmost being, praise his holy name.Praise the LORD, my soul,Praise the LORD, my soul,			Response Glory Be to the Father Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Gh As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be World without end. Amen, Amen.	
and forget not all his benefits;			Passing the Peace	
redeems yo	es all your sins and heals all your dise our life from the pit and crowns you wit	th love and	Video	Our Graduates
compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.			Anthem	Thou Art the Vine (by Andrew Carter)
The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.			Scripture Reading Leader: All:	Ephesians 4:1-6 This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God!
He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.			Sermon	Gentleness itful Life: Cultivating the Character of Christ
forever; he	always accuse, nor will he harbor e does not treat us as our sins dese ccording to our iniquities.	-	Musical Reflection	
For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.		Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.			Communion Invitation to the Lord's Table	
Prayer of Confession (Unison) Forgive us, O Lord, for everything that spoils our home life: for the moodiness and irritability that make us difficult to live with, for the insensitivity that makes us careless of the feelings of others, for the selfishness that makes life harder for others. \rightarrow			Apostles' Creed I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth	
		I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.		

He descended into hell. poils our witness for you; that we with our lips; for the difference The third day he rose again from the dead. profession and our practice; for He ascended to heaven and is seated pple to criticize your church or for 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, ns. Grant that at the foot of the ay. And so strengthen us by your the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, ve more nearly as we ought. the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen al confessions to God) Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. #961 Son and to the Holy Ghost Words of Institution and ever shall be **Communion Music Give Me Jesus** (Composer: Spiritual/Billingham) Closing Hymn Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing #521 **Benediction** Postlude Concerto for 2 Trumpets, III. Allegro (Composer: Vivaldi/Rondeau)

Welcome & Communion Sermon Worship Leader Praise Music Scripture Reader

Director of Music (Traditional) Organist & Pianist (11:00) Anthem

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Contemporary Service

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader:	This is the day the Lord has made;
People:	Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Praise and Prayer

We Praise You

Graves into Gardens

Prayer of Confession

Build My Life

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Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord **All:** Thanks be to God!

Gentleness The Fruitful Life: Cultivating the Character of Christ

Communion

Sermon

Invitation to the Lord's Table Apostles' Creed Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Words of Institution

Closing Song

Remembrance

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Opening Discussion

9:30 am

In your own words, what is gentleness, and how do you think it is valued in our society as a virtue?

Read Ephesians 4:1-6

Digging Deeper:

- How does gentleness relate to the other qualities listed in verse 2, and why are these together, the type of life that is "worthy of our calling in Christ?" (v.1-2)
- 2. Why is unity so important to the body of Christ? How is peace the "bond" which holds the community together? (vs.3)
- 3. How is the unity of Church highlighted in verses 4 to 6? Why is stressing the Father of all who is "over all and through all and in all" important to our concept of unity? How does it then relate to gentleness?

Application for Life

- 4. When is it especially challenging for you to be gentle?
- 5. Outside family members and fellow believers, who else are we called to be gentle toward?
- 6. In your life, who is it difficult to show gentleness toward?
- 7. What are some steps you can take to be gentler?

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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