

***Affirmation of Faith** A Declaration of Faith Ch. 9 (5)
 Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom.
Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

Anthem *Comfort, Comfort, Now My People* Olearius/1551

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude *Savior of the Nations, Come* Piutti

If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the marked basket nearest the exit you use. We look forward to seeing you again next week.

A special thank you to our ushers!

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Ensemble: Margaret Cooper, Beth Foley, Susan Mabie, Pat K. Rowlett, Ava Smith, Erica Smith, David Taylor

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