



Cover art is *The Ancient of Days*, by William Blake. Pen, ink and watercolor etching, 1794.  
Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, UK.

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*The Heart's Longing*

Owings

GREETING

Amy Stertz

## INVOCATION

Today we lift our hearts to you in one voice as we pray,  
**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom  
nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon  
us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so  
pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 418

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

## RESPONSIVE READING

Brett Baddorf

O Lord, you hear the desire of the meek. You will strengthen their heart.  
You will incline your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed.  
**In the Lord I take refuge. If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?**  
The Lord is in his holy temple. The Lord's throne is in heaven. His eyes examine every person.  
**The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked, for the Lord is righteous.**  
**He loves righteous deeds. The upright shall behold his face and rejoice in him.**  
We trust in your willingness to hear our prayers, O God. When we feel anxiety,  
fear, or uncertainty, bring a calm spirit into our minds  
so that we might rest secure in the future You have prepared for us.  
**Encourage us as we study the scriptures and meditate on the  
unfailing truth of your word. We trust in your tender care,  
love, mercy, and justice on behalf of all people everywhere.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

\*SHARING PEACE

*HYMN OF FAITH 75	<i>If I Fly as Birds at Dawning</i>	GREENCASTLE
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Psalm 11 This is the word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Nicole Franklin
SERMON	"Leaving Vengeance to God"	Mack Dennis
MUSICAL MEDITATION	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP		
*HYMN OF RESPONSE 406	<i>Jesus, Lover of My Soul</i>	ABERYSTWYTH
OFFERTORY SENTENCES		
OFFERTORY	<i>Abide with Me</i>	
*DOXOLOGY 707	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD HUNDREDTH
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Daniel Shetley
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUED RESPONSE		
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>Victory in Jesus</i>	

\*Those who are able please stand.

We welcome all guests worshiping with us today. Learning experiences for preschool children and infants are offered during the worship hour in the children's building. Large print bulletins and hymns and enhanced hearing aids are available for use in this service. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you may have.

The season of Ordinary Time refers to the Sundays of the year that fall outside the periods of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The word Ordinary refers to the ordinal numbers of each Sunday as we count the weeks between the Church's seasons. Ordinary time can be understood in terms of the living out of the Christian faith and the meaning of Christ's resurrection in our day-to-day life. The color green represents the life and growth of the church and its ministry.

This week's cover art is *The Ancient of Days*, by William Blake. Pen, ink and watercolor etching, 1794. Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, UK. William Blake (1757-1827) was an English poet, painter and printmaker. Although Blake was considered mad by contemporaries for his idiosyncratic views, he is held in high regard by later critics for his expressiveness and creativity, and for the philosophical and mystical undercurrents within his work. The Bible was an early and profound influence on Blake, and remained a source of inspiration throughout his life.  
[www.wikiart.org/en/william-blake](http://www.wikiart.org/en/william-blake)

Leaders in worship include Nicole Franklin, Daniel Shetley, Deacon of the Week, guest organist and pianist Tim Owings, and guest worship leader Justin Johnson.

The flowers in worship are given in loving memory of Colette Mary Parker by Anne and Bill Parker and their family.

## MINISTRY LEADERS

Mrs. Laura Addis	Ministry Associate, Students
Mr. Tate Addis	Organist
Rev. Brett Baddorf	Ministry Associate, Children
Dr. Tommy Bratton	Coordinating Pastor
Rev. Leah Brown	Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care
Dr. Casey Callahan	Associate Pastor, Mission and Students
Dr. Joshua Cheney	Interim Music Minister
Dr. Mack Dennis	Pastor
Rev. Amy Stertz	Associate Pastor, Christian Formation and Children

