

*3 And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for Him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell Him. Amen*

INVOCATION (all)

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we gather in this special place to worship you and seek guidance for our lives. Let nothing detract us from that search, or from heart-felt joy and love. Keep us from becoming callous and despairing toward life. Shine in our hearts as eternal hope and be a well-spring of living waters. May we be filled with your love and be made fit for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

ANTHEM *"Surely He Has Born Our Grief"*, Douglas Wagner Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30:11-20
New Testament: John 10:7-18

Lay Reader Pam Frazier
Pew Bible page 163
Pew Bible pages 872, 873

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF REFLECTION #46 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

*1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.*

*2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment giv'n.*

*3 For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind. Amen*

SERMON

“Choose Life”

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Adkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Nearer My God to Thee”

Roy Campbell

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***CLOSING HYMN #495**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

*1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
They will know we are Christians by our love.*

*2 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
They will know we are Christians by our love.*

