



September 10, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Robert Joy, Pastor

Mrs. Judy Bott, Organist

Dr. Ray Wagner, Music Director

In the Sanctuary, On Facebook Live, Parking Lot Broadcast at 88:3 FM  
Soundboard/Broadcast: Mark Frost & Chris Eisenbraun  
Projectionist: Jolane Day

\*Indicates an invitation to stand. If you are more comfortable being seated, please do so.  
It is not a requirement at all that you stand, but many there are who enjoy doing so.

## The People Gather

Prelude

The Ringing of the Bell (The bell has been used by Grace Church for many years as a means of calling all God's people to worship.)

Welcome and Announcements

## We Worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth

\*Call to Worship: *1 John 1:5*

\*Opening Hymn: #77 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

\*Prayer of Praise and the Lord's Prayer

(The minister will begin and invite all to join in 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.**

\*Gloria Patri #807

**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.**

## Honoring God with Our Giving

Call to Giving

Offertory

\*Doxology: #808

*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 host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Join Our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer Hymn: #532

*Be Thou My Vision*

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

## The Hearing of the Word

Choral Anthem: #62

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*(Congregation and choir sings verses 1 and 4, choir sings 2 and 3)*

Video (Jolane)

Epistle Reading:

*Ephesians 4:1-16*

\*Gospel Reading:

*John 1:1-5*

Sermon:

*A Few Final Thoughts*

Litany for the Close of a Ministry

*(responsive, see insert)*

## We Are Sent Out to Do God's Will

\*Hymn: *Anna Joy on organ*

*Here I Am, Lord (see insert)*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

## Announcements

*The liturgist today* is Ray Wagner.

**Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Rob** will be at Generations for the last time as pastor of Grace Church. All are invited to join him there if you have the opportunity.

***A note on the song and scripture selections today:***

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, was the processional at Rob and Juliann Joy's wedding, September 15, 1990. *Be Thou My Vision* is also a favorite of Rob's he wants played at his funeral. *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, describes very accurately Rob's experience during his Near Death Experience on 2/22/11 during his heart attack and arrest. *Here I Am, Lord*, was the last song at Rob's ordination service of June 1, 1991, and will be played on the organ today by Rob's daughter, Kent State freshman, Anna, for the last song in Rob's last service before his retirement. The Call to Worship (1 John 1:5) and the Gospel reading (John 1:1-5) relate to Rob's experience of 2/22/11. The epistle passage (Ephesians 4:1-16) reflects Rob's thoughts on the church and what his calling was as a pastor in it (v. 12) and was used as the scripture at his ordination service, 32 years, 4 months ago.