**Order of Worship**

 *Please enter a period of silent mediation.*

 *Please silence or turn off cell phones.*

**Welcome**

 May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

 **And also with you.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Tolling of the Hour**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship** (from Lamentations 3)

Leader: This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

 **People: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed,**

 **for his compassions never fail.**

 Leader: They are new every morning;

 **People: Great is your faithfulness.**

 **All: I say to myself, ‘The Lord is my portion; therefore I will**

 **wait for him.”**

**\*Hymn** #440 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (3vs)

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

 **Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed**

 **from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much**

 **the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone**

 **those things we ought to have done, and done that which we**

 **ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. Lord have**

 **mercy on us, as we confess our faults. Forgive us, and restore**

 **us to fellowship with you and with our neighbor. Grant us,**

 **merciful Father, that we might live a righteous and holy life to**

 **the glory of your name, through the sacrifice of your Son our**

 **Savior Jesus. Amen.**

(*Please continue to confess in a moment of silence*)

**Assurance of Pardon (**Romans 5:8)

 God demonstrates his love for us in this: while we were still sinners,

 Christ died for us.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

 **And also with you.**

**Anthem:** Great is Thy Faithfulness

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Reading of the Scripture** Romans 7:15-8:2

The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

**Message** “*Living in the Gap”* Pastor Doug Pratt

**\*Hymn #** 354 Just As I Am

**Affirmation of Faith (Apostles’ Creed)**

 **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and**

 **earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was**

 **conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered**

 **under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he**

 **descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;**

 **he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God**

 **the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the**

 **quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy**

 **catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of**

 **sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn #** 473 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

 **Benediction**

**Postlude**

(\*)Please stand if you are able.

 We extend an invitation to all who put their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ for salvation to unite with our congregation. A person may meet with our Elders at the regular monthly meeting of the Session and be received into active membership. If you desire more information or a visit with the pastor, please contact the church office.

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**Biography - Rev. Doug Pratt**

Pastor Doug Pratt is a retired PCUSA pastor who lives in Bonita Springs.  He is a native of Pennsylvania and has served churches in Wichita, KS and Pittsburgh, PA before moving to Florida 20 years ago.

 

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 in faithful love and service

 as we mature in discipleship and

 share the good news of Jesus Christ.

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