Brandenburg United Methodist Church Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 8, 2019

Prelude

"Spirit of the Living God" * Hymn #393

Words of Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

L: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

P: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

L: The Holy One knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

P: Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.

L: Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

All: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of our lives, you search us and know us. We have refused to take up your cross, to bear the burdens that are ours to carry. We have not given up our attachments to possessions or to self. We have not counted the cost of walking into an unknown future with you. Help us turn away from evil, that we may walk with you once more. Amen.

* Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Pastor Mark

#103

Special Music

Megan Clark

Scripture Readings Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 #545 Philemon 1-21 #203

* Glory Be to the Father

#70

Music Reflection

Insert

*Hymn

"Where He Leads Me"

#338

* Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1, 25-33

#73

Organ Meditation

Diana Jones

SERMON

"Follow the Rabbit!"

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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 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.

Tithes and Offerings

* Hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Offertory Prayer

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" *Hymn

Insert

#95

* Extinguish Altar Candles

Matthew Walters

* Benediction

Postlude

(stand as you are able)

Children's Message

"O Come to the Altar"