



“INCLUSIVE, INSPIRING WORSHIP IN BEAUTIFUL SACRED SPACE”



August 8, 2021

“To What Will We Give Ourselves?”

Gathering in Love

Gathering Music

You are invited to greet those around you or to sit quietly and reflectively prior to the beginning of the service.

Ringing of the Bell

Signifies the beginning of the service

Prelude

“His Love/Love of God”

arr Tornquist

Sharon Neuenfeldt, *Worship Accompanist*

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

*****Call to Worship**

Carol Dusbabek

We come to Christ, the living bread, who satisfies those who hunger and thirst for what is right. We come to Christ, who gives living water, that we may never thirst again. We come to Christ, that being filled ourselves, we may minister to the hunger and thirst of others. We come to God, in worship and praise, through Jesus Christ, who gives us life.

*****Opening Hymn**

“As We Gather at Your Table”

#332

Acknowledging Our Humanness and God’s Grace

*****Prayer of Longing**

God whom we know in Jesus - our teacher, redeemer and friend - we have not listened for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. We are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for ears to hear the cries of our neighbors and for hearts which resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope and love. Amen.

Please continue in silent prayer and mindful breathing

*****Assurance of Grace & Invitation to Pass the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Proclaiming God's Love

A Time with Young People

Pastor Clare invites children forward to gather with her (socially distanced)

Blessing One Another

Children: God be with you **All: And also with you**

Children return to sit with their families.

Families with young ones are welcome to use the Nursery Nook (by front entrance)

Scriptures 1 Kings 19:1-9a, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-51 ~ NRSV
Carol Dusbabek

Morning Message “To What Will We Give Ourselves?”

Prayer Hymn “Come and Find the Quiet Center” #575 *Chalice Hymnal*
(see insert)

Responding To God's Love

Prayers of the People

*You are invited to speak a brief prayer for yourself, another, or a part of the world.
Raise your hand or stand and project your brief joy or concern as loudly as possible.
Pastor Clare will follow your prayer with the words, “God, in your love...”*

One: God, in your love,
All: Hear our prayer

***Sitting or standing

Lord's Prayer

**Eternal Spirit,
Source of all that is and ever shall be,
Loving Parent in whom we discern heaven,
May knowledge of your holiness inspire all peoples,
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth
Until all of humankind heed your call to justice and compassion.
May we find the bread that we need for today,
And for the hurts we cause one another
May we be forgiven in the same measure that we forgive.
In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong;
When life seems overwhelming, help us to endure;
And thus from the yoke of sin deliver us.
May you reign in the power of human love,
Now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Chorale”

Bach

*****Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*****Prayer of Dedication**

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you are with us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your loyal community. Amen.

Sharing in Holy Communion

Holy Communion is open to members and friends of all ages. We welcome you in the name of Jesus, whom we follow in the way of radically inclusive love.

***The Invitation & Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise. All-loving God, it is a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give you our praise. You are the Creator of energy and matter, the heavens and the Earth. Therefore we celebrate you -- joining our voices with the wind and the streams, the animals and the flowers, the living and the dead (pause), the stars and the planets and all the company of creation, who forever sing their unending hymn to proclaim the glory of your Holy name. Amen.**

***Sung Response "Santo, Santo, Santo" #111 Chalice Hymnal *Sung twice - first in Spanish, then in English*

C G7 Am F G C

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F G7 C Am F G7 C

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

Words of Remembrance & Blessing

Sung Response

“Eat this Bread”

#414 *Chalice Hymnal*
(see insert)

Call to the Feast

Sharing the Bread of Life & the Cup of Blessing

Sung Response

“Eat this Bread”

#414 *Chalice Hymnal*
(see insert)

*****Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God who makes all things new, we thank you for inviting us to come as we are to share in this meal. We know that we are what we eat. Having taken into ourselves the body and blood of Jesus; we gain his power, his healing abilities, his commitment to justice for all people. Help all of us to work together as the different parts of the body of Christ -- hands, eyes, voice, and conscience -- to carry on Christ's work and witness and worship. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

*****Closing Hymn “Called as Partners in Christ's Service”**

#377

*****Singing**

“Happy Birthday”

..Happy birthday dear John, Kris, Elaine and Jessy

*****Benediction**

****Sitting or standing*

*****Sung Response “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

By Jill Jackson-Miller & Sy Miller

**Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.**

*****Postlude “Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**

Fawcett

Adjusting to Indoor Worship

- **Please wear a mask if: 1) You are not fully vaccinated; 2) You choose to sing; 3) wearing a mask makes you comfortable. (Masks available if needed)**
- **Sanitization—An usher will distribute sanitizing wipes at the end of worship. When you leave your pew, please wipe down the surfaces you touched.**
- **Fellowship on the Lawn—Please depart from the building after the service. We are welcome to linger on the lawn, connecting through conversation.**
- **Nursery Nook—We now have a space in the narthex (front entryway) that allows families with infants and toddlers to participate in worship at a safer social distance while giving those youngest children a soft place to play with sanitized toys.**
- **On Communion Sundays— Pick up your individual (gluten free) wafer & juice at either entrance, so you may participate in this beautiful ritual.**

Pastor Clare will be on vacation Aug. 9-16
Please contact Kimberly if you need immediate assistance.

PRAYER CORNER


Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

- For justice to prevail in the proceedings related to the January insurrection at our U.S. Capitol. May we all be reminded to listen carefully for articulations of truth.
- For our global and local neighbors: for COVID vaccines to reach everyone, for justice-based peace in the Gaza Strip and in other armed conflicts, for people managing physical and mental health challenges, for those marginalized and oppressed due to part of their identity or life experiences, and for all who live without sufficient resources or with constant threats of violence.
- For accountability for killings of black and brown people, for continued courage and resilience in BIPOC communities as they seek justice, and for legislators to lead all of us in the work of building an antiracist society.
- We celebrate birthdays with John Seigel (the 4th), Kris Strasburg (the 8th), Elaine Santore (the 9th) and Jessy Graf (the 14th). We celebrate anniversaries with Keely & Eric Vandre on the 1st (13 years) and Claire and Mike Bjork on the 9th (7 years).

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Sharon Neuenfeldt, (beautiful music), Carol Dusbabek (lay reading), Kathy Iverson (greeter) and Kimberly Jackson (Tech)



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