

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Solid Rock

Wilbur Held 1914-2015

✠ GATHERING ✠

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Patient God,

You have taught us all we need to be your faithful people. And yet we persist in going our own way, doing our own thing, and minding our own business when we ought to be about the business of your kingdom. Forgive our selfish neglect of others and bring us back into wholeness with our brothers and sisters. Amen.

God is merciful, patient, kind and forgiving. We have been pardoned for all that we have done, and all that we have overlooked. May we give now as we have received: generously and extravagantly, in the way of our loving teacher, savior and Lord.

Amen.

↑ GATHERING

How Firm a Foundation

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↑ GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

↑ KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let
us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A-men. A-men.

↑HYMN OF PRAISE

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, a-lmigh-ty God and Fa-ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther:

re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High,

Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

Amen.

Gl-ory to God in the high-est, and peace to God's pe-o-ple on earth.

↑PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord,

**you give good things to all who ask of you. So move our hearts to the
same generosity of spirit, that we might model your grace in our lives, to
the glory of your name. Amen.**

↓ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Following the Children's Message, parents of children who are six or younger are welcome to take
their children to child-care and retrieve them for communion. (10:30 worship service only)*

✠ **WORD** ✠

↓PSALM

Psalm 37:16-18

¹⁶Better is a little that the righteous person has than the abundance of
many wicked.

¹⁷For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.

¹⁸The Lord knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will abide forever.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

↑ GOSPEL

Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ²For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye. ⁶“Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

⁷“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? ¹⁰Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

¹²“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. ¹³“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life,

and there are few who find it. ²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!” ²⁸Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

↓SERMON

↓HYMN

Beloved, God's Chosen

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↑APOSTLES' CREED

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)

Prayer Leader: Merciful God,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

✠ **MEAL** ✠

↑SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

↓OFFERING

Come Down, O Love Divine
Choir Anthem

by Sheldon Curry

*Come down, O Love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, 'till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

-Bianco de Siena (c.1345-1412)

↑PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn

We Are An Offering

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We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

We lift our lives, they are yours,

we are an offering

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands

Lord use our lives they are yours,

we are an offering

***All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give to you,
we give to you.***

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

We lift our lives, they are yours,

we are an offering

We are an offering

↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

We need only ask, O God, and you grant us all that we need. May we continually focus on the abundance of our lives and not what we are lacking. Accept these gifts that we offer and bless all those who will benefit from them. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

↑ PREFACE FOR THE DAY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.

**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 and ever. Amen.

↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You would not give us a stone were we to ask for bread. Likewise, you desire that we show mercy to those who depend upon us to be generous. Feed us now on the bread which never diminishes, and which fully satisfies all who partake of it. Join the feast, one and all—let no one be turned away!

Thanks be to God!

↓ DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. Dip the bread into the cup (intinction). **Gluten-free wafers and a gluten free common cup are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓ LAMB OF GOD

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*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.*

↓ Distribution Music

Change My Heart #801

Wait for the Lord #262

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We thank you, O God,
**that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine
beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us
now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another**

up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

↑ BLESSING

May the God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

↑ HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ be your light.
Thanks be to God.

↓ POSTLUDE

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*Many worshippers choose to stay in the sanctuary
to listen to the musical postlude (3-4 minutes).*