

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Improvisation on Lattimer (This Little Light of Mine)

Charles Callahan b. 1951

✠ GATHERING ✠

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

↑ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

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

We 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

We Are Called

#720

↑ 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,

**your son came as the fulfillment of your law. Continue to lift up all who
are oppressed in this world, that they might know your blessing and
receive the joy you have promised. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 1:1-3

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the
path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,

which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

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 5:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

↓SERMON

↓HYMN

Canticle of the Turning

#723

↑ 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: God of blessing,

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.

*Awake, my heart, and render,
To God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver,
A song of love and fervor.*

*Confirm my deeds and guide me:
My day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending,
Will all be upward tending.*

*My heart shall be thy dwelling,
With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nature giv'n
To bring me on toward heaven.*

-Paulus Gerhardt (17th Century German Pastor & composer)

↑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.

O God, you desire not only right action, but pure hearts. Make us cheerful givers and joyful participants in the work of your kingdom. Bless these gifts we offer here and show us ever deepening ways to serve you and those you love.

In Jesus' name. 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 power 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

**We are salt; we are light. We were made to proclaim the glory of our Lord in
all we do. Let us gather now to be fed on his body and blood, nurtured by
his blessing, and strengthened by his promise. Come to the feast!**

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**

Blessed Are They #728

Here Is Bread #483

↑ **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**

Christ Be Our Light

#715

↑ **DISMISSAL**

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

↓ **POSTLUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in D

G. F. Handel 1685-1759

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