

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

Rockingham Old
(God Loved the World)

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✠ GATHERING ✠

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

↑ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of new life,

You have created and redeemed all things through the gift of your son. Yet we often live as though it makes no difference for us. We choose to remain stuck in old patterns, cling to the familiar and safe, and refuse opportunities to step out in courage and faith. Forgive our cowardice, stubbornness, and willful disobedience. Amen.

The Lord is risen, and with his resurrection brings a new day, a new chance to make new choices, and renewal between people, creation, and creator. Rejoice that you have been forgiven and called sisters and brothers of our savior and Lord!

Amen.

↑ HYMN

Listen, God is Calling

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↑ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia. (repeat)

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. (refrain)***

2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (refrain)

**3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. (refrain)**

↓ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord,
sometimes we still question your presence, even when you are right in front of us. Fill us with faith in believing your promises, simply because you are trustworthy. In Jesus' 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 40:9-10

⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

¹⁰I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

↓ GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has

been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓SERMON

↓HYMN

Go, Make Disciples

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↑NICENE CREED

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**We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and our salvation he came down from
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Prayer Leader: Risen Lord,

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

God of Grace, Cwm Rhondda arr. Erin and Gail Downey
based on Organ improvisation by Paul Manz
Erin Downey - Hand Bells

↑ PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn

Take My Life, that I May Be

#583 vs. 1

Refrain

*Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

1 *Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain*

↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Receive these gifts, O Lord, as a sign of our joy at your resurrection, and use them for the benefit of all people everywhere. Give us glad and generous hearts to serve you and to spread your word abroad.

In our savior's name, we pray. 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, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life.

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, heaven 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 in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The feast of the Lamb is a celebration where all are welcome and joy abounds. Come now and partake in his body and blood, enriched by this holy food, and empowered to serve as God's children in the world.

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 a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

***Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.***

↓ Distribution Music

***I Love to Tell the Story* #661**

***Eat This Bread* #472**

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.

Amen.

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God,

in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show

**your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

↑ BLESSING

Go out into the world as the people of God in this place, and may the God who raised Jesus from the dead grant you grace, the Son who gave his life for you give you peace, and the Spirit who is with you day by day, inspire you to greater service both now and forever more.
Amen.

↑ HYMN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

↓ POSTLUDE

Wade in the Water/You Gotta Sing

Erin Downey - Hand Bells setting by Bradley Sowash

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