



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### INVOCATION:

**L:** God has gathered us together in this place, and united us in His name that we might be His body to all whom He has called us to, sharing in His gift of grace. It is in that name that He has gathered us today, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**P:** **Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before Him with thanksgiving  
and extol Him with music and song. Amen.**

### OPENING SONG: “United in Christ”

#### Verse 1

People of the Lord come now and sing  
Every nation and tongue to Christ our King  
With empty hands His gifts receive

#### Verse 2

Whether young or old You're a child of God  
Whether rich or poor no matter what you got  
He gathers all at the foot of the cross

#### Chorus

His body broken makes this body whole  
His resurrection it assures us all  
No darkness nor doubting nor pain in this life  
Could keep us from being united in Christ

#### Verse 3

Sinners and saints you have a place  
With the Spirit's gifts proclaim His grace  
There's nothing too small  
To be used by the living God

#### Chorus

His body broken makes this body whole  
His resurrection it assures us all  
No darkness nor doubting nor pain in this life  
Could keep us from being united in Christ

## **Bridge**

We are the body Christ is the head  
Sealed with the promise through blood he shed  
We are the body Christ is the head  
His grace the heartbeat our confidence  
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## **Chorus**

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## **Tag**

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## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**P:** Heavenly Father, we come before You and confess. You have called us to be a people united in You, yet too often we sew disunity through our thoughts, words, and actions. Lord, You call us to live lives that reflect the grace we have received, but too often we are hypocritical representatives of You and Your church. Forgive us Lord, all of these things we have confessed aloud, and all that we do not wish to even utter. We ask for Your forgiveness, for nothing in all creation is hidden from Your sight. For the sake of Jesus, we ask that You would forgive us.

**L:** We have a great high priest who condescended Himself for us. We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. He lived a sinless life, took on sin, and bore it on the cross for us. On the third day, He rose again, for us. It is because of the work of Jesus Christ on the cross that I proclaim to you, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**P:** Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

## **RESPONSIVE SONG: “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

### **Verse 1**

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty  
God in three persons blessed Trinity

### **Verse 2**

Holy holy holy Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye made blind by sin  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power in love and purity

### **Bridge**

And we all bow down...  
And we all bow down; And we all bow down  
And we all bow down; And we all bow down  
And we all bow down; And we all bow down

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE: “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

### **Verse 3**

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons blessed Trinity

### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, in You we live and move and have our being:  
We humbly pray You so to guide and govern us by Your Holy Spirit,  
That in all the cares and occupations of our lives we may not forget You,  
but may remember that we are ever walking in Your sight;  
Through Jesus, Christ our Lord, Amen.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20**

Whoever loves money will never be satisfied with money. Whoever loves wealth will never be satisfied with more income. Even this is pointless. As the number of goods increase, so do the number of people who consume them. What do owners gain from all their goods except the opportunity to look at them?

The sleep of working people is sweet, whether they eat a little or a lot. But the full stomachs that rich people have will not allow them to sleep.

There is a painful tragedy that I have seen under the sun: Riches lead to the downfall of those who hoard them. These hoarded riches were then lost in bad business deals. The owners had children, but now they have nothing to give them. They came from their mother’s womb naked. They will leave as naked as they came. They won’t even be able to take a handful of their earnings with them from all their hard work.

This also is a painful tragedy: They leave exactly as they came. What advantage do they gain from working so hard for the wind? They spend their entire lives in darkness, in constant frustration, sickness, and resentment.

At last I have seen what is good and beautiful: It is to eat and drink and to enjoy the good in all our hard work under the sun during the brief lives God gives us. That is our lot in life. It is a gift from God when God gives some people wealth and possessions, the power to enjoy them, the ability to accept their lot in life, and the ability to rejoice in their own hard work. These people won’t give much thought to their brief lives because God keeps them occupied with the joy in their hearts. ©GW

## **EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 4:1-16**

God's promise that we may enter His place of rest still stands. We are afraid that some of you think you won't enter His place of rest. We have heard the same Good News that your ancestors heard. But the message didn't help those who heard it in the past because they didn't believe.

We who believe are entering that place of rest. As God said, "So I angrily took a solemn oath that they would never enter My place of rest." God said this even though He had finished His work when He created the world. Somewhere in Scripture God has said this about the seventh day: "On the seventh day God rested from all His work."

God also said in the same passage, "They will never enter My place of rest." However, some people enter that place of rest. Those who heard the Good News in the past did not enter God's place of rest because they did not obey God. So God set another day. That day is today. Many years after your ancestors failed to enter that place of rest God spoke about it through David in the passage already quoted: "If you hear God speak today, don't be stubborn." If Joshua had given the people rest, God would not have spoken about another day. Therefore, a time of eternal rest exists for God's people. Those who entered His place of rest also rest from their work as God did from His.

So we must make every effort to enter that place of rest. Then no one will be lost by following the example of those who refused to obey.

God's word is living and active. It is sharper than any two-edged sword and cuts as deep as the place where soul and spirit meet, the place where joints and marrow meet. God's word judges a person's thoughts and intentions. No creature can hide from God. Everything is uncovered and exposed for Him to see. We must answer to Him.

We need to hold on to our declaration of faith: We have a superior chief priest who has gone through the heavens. That person is Jesus, the Son of God. We have a chief priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses. He was tempted in every way that we are, but He didn't sin. So we can go confidently to the throne of God's kindness to receive mercy and find kindness, which will help us at the right time. -©GW

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:23-31

Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it will be for rich people to enter God's kingdom!"

The disciples were stunned by His words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter God's kingdom! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

This amazed His disciples more than ever. They asked each other, "Who, then, can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "It's impossible for people to save themselves, but it's not impossible for God to save them. Everything is possible for God."

Then Peter spoke up, "We've given up everything to follow You."

Jesus said, "I can guarantee this truth: Anyone who gave up his home, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or fields because of Me and the Good News will certainly receive a hundred times as much here in this life. They will certainly receive homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields, along with persecutions. But in the world to come they will receive eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." ©GW

## **SONG: "There Will Be Rest"**

### **Verse 1**

Are You there Are You listening Do You care  
Did You plan this

**Pre-Chorus** Oh great God, Oh great God

### **Chorus 1**

Savior of the nations come  
Fill this world with grace and love Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
When all the world is torn apart And victory remains with God Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Will there be rest

### **Verse 2**

You are here  
You are listening And You've met us With forgiveness

### **Verse 3**

You are here  
You are listening You hurt more And weep with us

### **Pre-Chorus**

You make all things new God You make us new

### **Chorus 2**

Savior of the nations come  
And fill this world with grace and love Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Though the world is torn apart  
The victory remains with God Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
There will be rest

### **Bridge**

Oh great God  
You are so great God (4X)

### **Chorus 3**

Savior of the nations come  
And fill this world with grace and love Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
When all that's right shall be restored And victory remains with God Hallelujah  
Hallelujah



**MESSAGE: “Sent”** (*Hebrews 4:1-16*)

**SONG OF THE DAY: “Ignite”**

**Verse 1**

Lord you call us—To be people of peace  
To reconcile, And to redeem  
Lord we're willing  
But we are weak  
Give us strength to serve—All we meet

**Pre-Chorus**

To the weak and the poor made known  
May your love through us be shown

**Chorus 1**

Spirit of God ignite our hearts  
To burn bright for yours  
Let us be the light to all—All the dark

**Verse 2**

Lord you call us—To be people of love  
Living sacrifice, To your glory oh Lord  
Transform us  
By the blood of your Son  
Bringing justice and mercy  
Walking with you God

**Pre-Chorus**

To the weak and the poor made known  
May your love through us be shown

**Chorus 2**

Spirit of God ignite our hearts  
To burn bright for yours  
Let us be the light to all—All the dark

**Bridge**

Ignite in us pure holiness  
Cleanse us from all selfishness  
Lead us in paths of righteousness  
To the work You prepared in advance for us

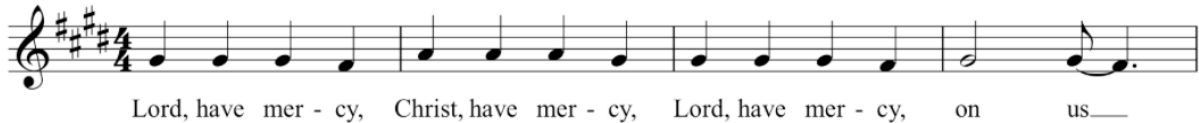
**Chorus 3**

Spirit of God ignite our hearts  
To burn bright for yours  
Let us be the light to all—All the dark

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## CONSECRATION OF GIFTS

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:** After each petition, the leader will say “Lord, hear our cry”, and we will join together singing:



**[L]:** All of these prayers said aloud and silently in our hearts, we bind together with the one Jesus taught us to pray...

## 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 and ever. Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

**The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.**

*To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. Or simply pray: “Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts. Amen.”*

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free.** The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free.***

*In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.*

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:**

**L:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **PAX DOMINI:**

**L:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**P:** **And also with you.**

## **DISTRIBUTION SONGS: "Be Still (Psalm 46)"**

God is our refuge, our strength and our shield,  
An ever-present help.  
We will not fear though the earth gives way,  
and the mountains crash into the sea.

There is a river whose streams will make glad  
the city of our most High King.  
God is within her, and she will not fail,  
He helps her at break of the day,

Nation in uproar, men's kingdoms, they fall,  
He speaks and the earth melts away.  
The words we imagine, the strongest of storms,  
Our fortress, it will still remain.

There is a river whose streams will make glad  
the city of our most High King.  
God is within her, and she will not fail,  
Listen and hear the Lord say:

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Come, let us see what the Lord has done,  
the ruins He brings to the earth.  
He makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth,  
He shatters the bow and the spear.

There is a river whose streams will make glad  
the city of our most High King.  
God is within her, and she will not fail,  
Listen and hear the Lord say:

"Be still, and know that I am God."

## **“In Christ Alone”**

### **Verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

### **Verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

### **Verse 3**

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

### **Verse 4**

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING:**

**L:** The Lord bless and guide you as you depart from this place, and go to where He has called you.

**P:** Surely He is with us always, to the very end of the age. AMEN

## **CLOSING SONG: "Send Me"**

### **Verse 1**

Here I am  
Send me  
Your grace has set me free  
I will go where You lead  
Be Your hands and feet

### **Verse 2**

To the hurting and weak  
To all of those in need  
We will go where You lead  
Be Your hands and feet

### **Chorus**

Jesus lead on, We are listenin'  
Jesus lead on, We have heard  
Savior we'll follow  
Where You're leadin'  
To the ends of the earth (REPEAT)

### **Verse 3**

As we go, Lord lead  
May Your path be at our feet  
As we live move and breathe  
Spirit of God fall afresh on me

### **Bridge**

Whom shall I fear  
You are God yeah  
You are God so  
Whom shall I fear  
You are God yeah  
You are God so  
Whom shall I fear

### **Tag**

Here I Am...Send me

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**SERVING GOD’S HOUSE TODAY:**

Acolyte 8:00...Penelope Clevon

Acolyte 9:30...Alice Kienitz

Lector 8:00...Elsie Rivera

Liturgist...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley

Children’s Message...Ashley Groves

Crucifer 9:30...Connor Clevon

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9:30...Diana Orr

Preacher...Vicar John Alwood

Keyboard...Pat Gagan

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**If You’re a Visitor**, WELCOME! We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. If you would like more information about Bethany and its ministries, please scan the QR code to the right. You will be directed to Bethany’s fillable information form.



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Today’s Flowers are given to the glory of God:

*~In loving memory of Edison Enwia-  
Amazing father, husband and Baba~*

*~by The Albers and Enwia Family*



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Today’s Flowers are given to the glory of God:

*~For Ajay Sunny’s Birthday  
on October 20th~*

*~by Mom, Dad and Sunny Family*



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