



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, September 8th

PRELUDE

“Voluntary on HYFRYDOL”

arr. Jason Payne

Sueda Luttrell, guest organist

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: As we delve into the I AM Statements found in the Gospel of John, we see a beautiful account of God coming into our flesh to reconcile humanity and save us from our sin. As John’s Gospel opens, we read, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

C: **He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.**

P: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

C: **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

[Moment of silent confession]

P: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never go thirsty.”

C: **But there are times when we’ve attempted to satisfy our hunger and thirst elsewhere.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

C: **But there are times when we’ve preferred to stay in darkness.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the Door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved.”

C: **But there are times when we’ve chosen to remain outside.**

P: Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

C: **But we often go astray and get lost in the thicket.**

P: Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

C: **But there are times when we've placed our belief in other things.**

P: Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

C: **But there are times when we've defined the truth for ourselves.**

P: Jesus said, "I am the True Vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, will bear much fruit. Apart from Me you can do nothing.

C: **But there are times when we've not abided in You and have been unable to bear Your fruit. We pray for Your everlasting mercy and grace. Give us Your bread that we may no longer hunger and may nourish those around us. Shine Your light in us so that we may shine it in the darkness of Your fallen creation. Open the door that we may enter and be saved. Good Shepherd, guide us in The Way of Your disciples. Lord, we believe, help our unbelief. Teach us to hold tightly to Your truth and not our own. Let us abide in You, that we may bear much fruit and be a blessing to the world around us.**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the true light that gives light to everyone, came into this world, took on our flesh and dwelt among. God so loved us, that He sent Christ, His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. In Christ, you have nourishment, light, faith, and everlasting salvation. Your sins are forgiven, and you have been richly blessed so that you may proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Walk in this forgiveness as new creatures, born into the light of Christ, able to resist temptation and to serve God and neighbor with your whole heart.

C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE "The God of Abraham Praise"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 16:4-15 [ESV]

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’” And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. And the Lord said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL John 6:31-40 [ESV]

Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

SERMON “I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Abide in Us, O Bread of Life”

arr. Davide Cherwien

Voices of Peace

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

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Piano

arr. Raney

“There is a Redeemer”

Piano

arr. Raney

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POSTLUDE

“Christian’s We Have Met to Worship”

Piano

arr. Hayes



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