



Welcome to worship! Led by the Holy Spirit, we glorify God, nurture the faith with each other, and witness the fullness of Christ's love in the world. Beyond the pews, we hope you will grow in faith with us on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

Our service today includes the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are invited to share in this joyful feast of the people of God as you are served in your pew. Children are welcome in the Sanctuary, with childcare available for infants through 4-year-olds in the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

We are glad you are here as we give glory to God together!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✠ We rise in body or spirit.

We say words in bold together.

GATHERING

Prelude

Meditation on "Rhosymedre"

arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Prayer *based on liturgy by Ruth C. Duck*

As we gather at your table from all over the world, O God, we pray that all those who come to you in the name of Christ might be one in Spirit. Knead us together in one loaf. Free us from jealousy and selfish ambition; unite us in mission and service to those in need. In this time

of worship, sow righteousness in us, and lead us to the harvest of peace. Amen.

Introit

I Love Thy Kingdom Lord (Hymn 310)

Call to Worship *based on liturgy by Rev. Nathan Arledge*

Liturgist: Barry Jones

In a world that remains divided and in conflict,
God is inviting us, to make us one.

We come not because we are worthy, but because Christ calls us in love.

This is the table where memory is honored,
where story is sacred, where strangers become siblings.

**We come to taste and see that the Lord is good,
to feast on grace, to believe again in belonging.**

Around the world, across languages and landscapes, a holy table is set.

**Let us worship the One who welcomes, the One who remembers,
the One who feeds the whole world with hope.**

✠ Hymn 388 (sing 3 times) *Come All You People (Uyai mose)*

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.*

✠ Prayer of Confession *based on Lamentations 1:2-4*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Sung Response (Hymn 583)

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

☩Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: *2 Timothy 1:1-14*

p. 258 in the pew Bible

Psalm 37:1-9

p. 628 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

Bwana Asifiwe
(Praise the Lord)
Jesse Chewning, tenor

Swahili/Mark Burrows, arr.

Scripture Reading: *Luke 17:5-10*

p. 97 in the pew Bible

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Increasing Faith

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

☩Affirmation of Faith

The 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

☩Hymn 530

One Bread, One Body

[Refrain] One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. [Refrain]

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. [Refrain]

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. [Refrain]

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Rev. Dr. Tom Lovell

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With all of our hearts, we thank you, God . . . we lift our voices in praise, joining together with believers in every time and place to sing to the glory of your name:

(Hymn 595)

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Señor!

Eternal God, through countless generations your people hungered . . .

We rejoice in this good news that unites us in faith around the world:

(Hymn 637, verse 5)

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!

¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

Living God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us . . all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

. . . and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors . . .

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Today communion will be served in the pews. You are welcome to consume the elements in a moment of personal prayer or hold them until all have been served so we may partake together. All the bread is gluten-free and the cups contain grape juice.

Prayer After Receiving

SENDING

✠Hymn 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

during the last verse, children K-5th grade are dismissed to Covenant Choir

*In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude

The Singing Trumpet

Edward Broughton

Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.



The flowers on the pulpit are offered in support of all who have lost a loved one.

Serving in Worship Today:

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: Steve Davis, Paul Kukla

Elevator Assistant: Kaden Yealy

Sanctuary Guild: Piper & Ed Foresman

Videographer: Ed Foresman

Communion Servers: Connie Barnes, Sherman Brown, Ellie Crane,

Piper Foresman, Mike Gibson, Barb LeRoy, Kathy Pecka, Steve Spratt,

Amy Talmadge, Jerry Zekert

Church Family News

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Alexandra Spaulding on the death of her father, Ralf Spaulding, who died September 26, 2025.

We pray for: Mary Lowman

We continue to pray for: Judy Balch, Marjolijn Bijlefeld, Irene Repanshek,
Douglas Smith (son of Bruce and Elizabeth Smith)

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