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"Love God, Serve Neighbor"

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Gathering Song ELW #801 "Change My Heart, O God"

Refrain



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

End



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Refrain

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Confident of God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sins to God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: God of grace and mercy,

C: **we confess that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what we fear to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what separates us from you and one another. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more in your likeness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, has forgiven you all your sins and filled you with the abundant life of Jesus Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, be strong and courageous as you follow the way of the Lord.

C: Amen

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of Illumination

L: Let us pray. Lord God, we thank you for the *kairos* moments in our lives when we can feel the presence of your Holy Spirit in your church stirring us and moving us. Transform our doubts and fears, and with courage born of love, may we seize each moment for growth and every opportunity to step out in faith. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

C: **Amen.**

The First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

The Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Children's Church

The Message

Song of the Day

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical lines.

Prayers of the Faithful

L: Let us pray. God of all time, you have taught us that there is a time for rejoicing, a time for weeping, a time for rest and a time for action. Hear the prayers of our community for needs of the world and for the concerns of our hearts.

(Time of silence)

L: God of justice and peace, we pray for people and situations where there is struggle and hardship, unrest and conflict, and hunger and hopelessness. For our Ukrainian brothers and sisters who have openly resisted the invasion of their country and who have sacrificed so much for the cause of justice, as well as other countries that are dealing with political unrest and conflict; for Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Yemen, Israel-Palestine, Haiti and Myanmar.

L: As the body of Christ, we pray:

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of compassion, hear us now as we pray for those families and friends you have placed upon our hearts.

We especially pray for:

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| ▪ Melissa Butler | ▪ Cailee Franklin |
| ▪ Helen Cheyney | ▪ Tom Hawk |
| ▪ Terence Connelly | ▪ Carol Hollingsworth |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ Gary Homesley |

- Donnell Horton
- Amy Hull
- Joe Johnson
- Waylon Kuklantz
- Gene Lajuennesse
- Bobbi Larson
- Holden Little
- Chuck Mauney
- Kevin Middleton
- Jane Ogilvie
- Terry Park
- Reagan Poli
- Joyce Quigley
- Jack Schulte
- Wylee Stephens
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Herbert Watson
- Joan Welsh
- Lisa Williams
- Renate Wilson
- Terry Wisner
- Chuck Wolfe

L: In silence, let us make our own specific prayers for those on our hearts and minds today.

(Silence)

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Jonathan Dunbar Jr., nephew of Cynthia Mulbah, died October 6
- Peg Buckstad, member, died on October 10
- Merrell Hendry, grandmother of Emily Pilger, died on Oct 11
- Vicki Tunnell, stepmother of Wade Tunnell, died on Oct 13
- Tom Bruce, brother of MaryLou Kuklantz, died Oct 14
- Danny Leviner, friend of Gerry Osborne, died October 14

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: As the body of Christ, we pray:

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of all grace, you give and give; and how are we to respond?

We say thank you by sharing our lives and giving of our resources.

By your Holy Spirit, transform us so that our giving feels like a joy, and not an obligation; so that our giving feels like a gift, and not a burden; and so that our giving feels like love, and not like loss.

God, thank you for being the One who is the giver of all gifts, and for the opportunity to say thank you for it all.

L: As the body of Christ, we pray:

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of all time, thank you for becoming *God-in-time* in Jesus Christ, who has shown us how to make every moment sacred and rich with opportunity. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that we may bear witness to God's creative and redeeming love in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering *(Please sign and pass the pew pads)*

Offertory Song

"I Saw the Light"

Sanctuary Singers &
Congregation

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
(And) now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Just like a blind man, I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
(And) now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow's the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
(And) now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Table Prayer

L: God of mercy and grace,

C: **you open your hand in blessing and your abundance flows unending. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

The Words of Institution *"Come and See"*

L: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, in an upper room. He took the bread and blessed it as he said, "Here's my body broken for you." He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed his head and prayed. And then he said, "My blood for you is shed, a cleansing stream to wash your sin away."

Congregational Response

1 Come and see the glo - ry of the Lord. Come, be - hold the
2 Come and give thanks un - to the Lord. Come, be - hold the

Lamb. Come and see the mer - cy of the King,
Lamb. Come and sing the prais - es of the King,

bow - ing down be - fore him. him. For he is
bow - ing down be - fore him. For he is

Lord a - bove the heav - ens, Lord in all the earth,

Lord of all the an - gels, wor - thy to be served.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

C: 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 us 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 pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

"Lamb of God"

1 Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 2 Lamb of God, I'm ask - ing you to
 (3) pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ

sin of the world. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way my sin. I con - fess that
 cleans - es me from sin. The pre - cious blood of

take a - way the sin of the world.
 I've done wrong, I need your help a - gain.
 Je - sus Christ cleans - es me from sin.

Refrain

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
 mer - cy on me. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

Last time to coda ♪

mer - cy, have mer - cy on me. 2 3 The

♪ *Coda*

Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The Blessing

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction (by Rev. William Sloane Coffin)

L: May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;
 Grace to risk something big for something good; and
 Grace to remember the world is now
 too dangerous for anything but the truth and
 too small for anything but love.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"You Are My All in All"

F C Dm Dm⁷ Am



1. You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas - ure that I
 2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your

3 Gm⁷ F/C C⁷ F C⁷ F C



seek. You are my all in all. _____ Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
 name; You are my all in all. _____ When I fall down, You pick me

6 Dm Dm⁷ Am Gm⁷ F/C C⁷ B \flat /F F F C

CHORUS



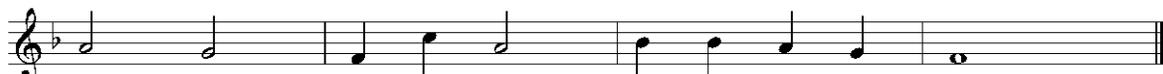
jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all. Je - sus,
 up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.

10 Dm Dm⁷ Am Gm⁷ F/C C⁷ F C⁷



Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name! _____

13 F C Dm Dm⁷ Am Gm⁷ F/C C⁷ B \flat /F F



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**