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“Love God, Serve Neighbor”

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Call to Worship

L: When forces in the world threaten us,
when our bodies or spirits turn against us,
there is One who seeks us,
One who meets us,
One who heals us,
whose love washes over us
and sets us free for joy.
This One is the Lord Jesus Christ.
Come, let us worship him now.

Prelude

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Kristin Sakamoto

Confession and Forgiveness

L: The geography of sin is a dry and parched land
where there is no water.
But God gives springs of living water,
streams of justice and mercy splashing
into the wilderness
from the mountain of God.
Let us drink deeply of Christ.
Let us confess our sins.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

**C: Holy One, God Most High,
we have listened to other voices
who have distracted us from your call.
We have submitted to powers
competing for our loyalty to you.
Lead us out of the tombs we inhabit.
Guide us into your light
so that we may walk in your way. Amen.**

L: In the waters of our baptism,
we have been clothed in Jesus Christ.
He is the Son of the Most High God,
and is sovereign over all powers,
so that his reign brings freedom and joy.

Therefore, I declare to you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

That we may live out your impassioned response
to the hungry and the poor;
That we may live out . . . truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

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. Calm us now, Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap with the joy of your good news.

C: **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 65:1-9

The Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



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



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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

The Message

Song of the Day

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God is present,
In the darkness before dawn,
In the waiting and uncertainty,
Where conflict and caring link arms,
Where fear and courage join hands.

We believe in a God who is with us,
Who sits down in our midst
To share our humanity.

We affirm a faith
That takes us beyond a safe place:
Into action, into vulnerability,
And into the places of deepest need.

We commit ourselves to work for change
And to put ourselves on the line.
To bear responsibility, to take risks,
And to face humiliation.
To stand with those on the edge,
to choose life and
to be a community of hope for all people.
Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

L: Let us pray. God, you have been our resting-place through the ages.
Generations come and pass away, but you abide forever.
We praise you for your presence among us.
You bring us comfort amid our trials, clarity where confusion persists,
and peace in the midst of conflict.
Hear us now as we pray for your church and the needs of the world,
for you are the God of our lives.

Time of silence.

L: God, we pray for the church – the community of believers throughout the
world – that we may be true, engaging, and actively doing your will. Let your
church be always faithful, and ready to promote the cause of compassionate
love and peace.
God, hear our prayer

C: and in your love, answer.

L: God, we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. We pray that everywhere upon this earth there may be justice and peace. We pray for the country and the people of Ukraine. We pray for the people and for all cities and communities that have been impacted by gun violence.

God, hear our prayer

C: and in your love, answer.

L: God, we pray for all people in their daily life and work — for our families, friends, neighbors, and for those who are sick in the hospital or ill at home. Hear us now as we lift up those people and those situations you have placed upon our hearts.

We especially pray for:

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| ▪ Linda Burkhardt | ▪ Joyce Quigley |
| ▪ Jim Carney | ▪ Chris Rasmussen |
| ▪ Helen & Jim Cheyney | ▪ Denny Refsnider |
| ▪ Terence Connelly | ▪ Stephanie Rizzo |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ L. D. Shockley |
| ▪ Linda Holden | ▪ Reponda Smith |
| ▪ Donnell Horton | ▪ Garrett Stallings |
| ▪ John & Jasmin Kivett | ▪ Kelly Taylor |
| ▪ Waylon Kuklantz | ▪ Joshua Thrower |
| ▪ Bobbi Larson | ▪ David Townsend |
| ▪ Kevin Middleton | ▪ Laura Tucker |
| ▪ Andrew Milholland | ▪ Herbert Watson |
| ▪ Leo Peeler | ▪ Lisa Williams |
| | ▪ Renate Wilson |

L: We now pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts for those we wish to name.

(Time for the community to pray.)

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

- Lemont Bell, friend of Gene Reid, died May 25
- Pastor Raymond Peters, member, died June 3
- Virginia Zahn, mother of Laurie Stimac, died June 8
- Donnie Boone, uncle of Scott Evans, died June 8
- Dave Goff, friend of Gerry Osborne, died June 10
- David Goode, friend of Harriett Easley, died June 13

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: God, hear our prayer

C: **and in your love, answer.**

L: God, in your love, hear all our prayers—both the spoken and unsaid. May our prayers further your purposes for us and for all whom we have prayed, and bring us to that place where we may experience the joy that has been given to your faithful down through the ages—a joy everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering

(Please sign and pass the pew pads)

Offertory Song

“Come As You Are”

Kristin Sakamoto

Table Prayer

L: The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Jesus became fully human. So come to the table, all who have much faith and all who would like to have more; all who have been here often and all who have not been in a long time; all who have tried to follow Jesus, and all who have fallen short. Come. It is Christ who invites us all to meet him here.

C: **Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer *(spoken)*

C: **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.**

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

L: May you never feel alone in the struggle for justice and peace.
May you know the support of family, friends, and people who feel as passionately about the world as you do.

May you feel a part of the great cloud of witnesses, who through the ages, did God's work and prayed for the coming of the Kingdom.

May you never feel alone.

And if you do, may you carry in your heart the words of Jesus, who told his friends: "I am with you always."

C: **Amen.**

Installation of Council

Sending Song

"Mighty to Save"

Kristin Sakamoto

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**