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“Love God, Serve Neighbor”

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

P: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

L: Our lives can be busy and hectic, and we can get distracted from our commitment to follow.

P: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

L: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

P: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

L: Today, we celebrate life in the Spirit, showing us the joy of following Christ.

P: May God give us the patience to follow faithfully in Christ's path.

Prelude *"Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision"* 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: God of grace, in Christ you call us on a journey, to shed the things that weigh us down, to lay aside what holds us back, to let you put to death in us all that is not love. Yet, we confess that we'd rather hold on to our baggage. Forgive us, God. By your Spirit, open our hands, that we might let go; give us courage, that we might face change; give us faith, that we might trust your leading. Amen.

L: In the waters of our baptism, God has made us one family, forgiven us of our sins, and called us to new life. As we are reminded of our forgiveness, may we always be open to the power of the Holy Spirit to form us into a new creation, proclaiming to others the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord.

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. Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit, make our hearts a home for your word, and our minds a realm for your wisdom, so that our lives will continue to be your dwelling place, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The First Reading

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

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 9:51-62

The Message

Song of the Day

"The Summons"

ELW 798

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. Gracious God, we come to you with so many things that claim our time, our energy, our resources, and our very lives. We are easily drawn away from you by our desire to meet our own needs of security, power, and affection first; and we often find ourselves rationalizing our hesitancy to heed your call. By the grace of your Holy Spirit, help us to place our lives and our trust in you, so that we may move at the impulse of your love as we live and follow you.

L: In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Gracious 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.

L: In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Gracious 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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| ▪ Jim Carney | ▪ Donnell Horton |
| ▪ Helen & Jim Cheyney | ▪ John & Jasmin Kivett |
| ▪ Terence Connelly | ▪ Waylon Kuklantz |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ Kevin Middleton |
| ▪ Dave Goft | ▪ Andrew Milholland |
| ▪ Linda Holden | ▪ Leo Peeler |

- Joyce Quigley
- Chris Rasmussen
- Joyce Reed
- Denny Refsnider
- Stephanie Rizzo
- L. D. Shockley
- Reponda Smith
- Garrett Stallings
- Kelly Taylor
- Joshua Thrower
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Herbert Watson
- Lisa Williams
- Renate Wilson (pronounced Rah-nah-tah)

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:

- 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: We give thanks:

- For the birth of Brynlee Ann Swing, born June 19, new grand-daughter of Steve and Carol Swing!

L: God, hear our prayer

C: and in your love, answer.

L: Gracious God, we offer these prayers to you, those spoken and those still unknown to us. Give us peace to trust you with the timing and the answers you provide. We ask all these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering (Please sign and pass the pew pads)

Offertory Song "Give Me Jesus" 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.

Sending Song

"I Will Follow"

Kristin Sakamoto

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.