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“Love God, Serve Neighbor”

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Call to Worship

L: All who are bent over with worry:

C: this is a place of sanctuary.

L: All who are burdened with life:

C: this is a house of care.

L: All who are lost to community:

C: this is a company of welcome.

L: All who travel with questions:

C: this is a community of seekers.

L: All who reach out for God:

C: this is a sacred space to gather.

L: Come, let us worship.

Prelude

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Advanced Bells

Confession and Forgiveness

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

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to heal; to lift up; to bless; to sow kindness and tenderness in the lives of those with the deepest need.

C: Forgive us when we keep our hands at our sides when we could be reaching out in love.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to bear the burdens of others and to feed the hungry.

C: Forgive us when we use our hands to take care of ourselves without any thought for those whose hands are empty.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to welcome and to include those who were considered outcasts in the society of your time.

C: Forgive us when we clench our fists and exclude people simply because are different from us.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, open our hands and our hearts to love as you love and to care as you care. Strengthen us to include in our prayers, in our fellowship, and in our lives, those who feel excluded because of such things as their race, their religion, their sexuality, their gender, their age, their differing abilities, and whatever it is that creates barriers between people.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ, this is the Good News:
We are cradled in the very hands of God.
The One who holds us and heals us.
The One who feeds us and forgives us.
Now may your hands be the hands of Christ with which you bless all the world with the gifts of healing and forgiveness.

C: **Alleluia! 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. God of all creation, we praise you, for coming to us in your Son Jesus Christ. When the word of your prophets went unheard and when their message was rejected, you spoke your creative word once more. Bringing order out of chaos again — this time not to bring a world into being, but to bring *your very being* into the world. The very essence of your love taking on our flesh. As we prepare to listen to the words of Scripture:

Open our ears that we may hear.

Open our minds that we may understand.

Open our hearts that we may be transformed.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing of Backpacks

The First Reading

Isaiah 58:9-14

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 Message

Song of the Day ELW #611 *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Prayers of the Faithful

L: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, throughout your ministry you continuously stepped across cultural boundaries and trespassed religious barriers to proclaim the good news, to bring healing, and to embody God's welcome for all, especially women. Today, we remember all women – known and unknown – who have faced overwhelming obstacles with bold faith and met fear with true courage. We give thanks for all women who have dared to step forward and lead, for all women who have challenged the stereotypes of society and risked standing alone for sake of others, and for all women – throughout history – who have labored in the struggle for dignity, equity, and justice.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, hear us now as we pray for those families and friends you have placed upon our hearts.

We especially pray for:

- Melissa Butler
- Sean Cahill
- Tim Caldwell
- Helen & Jim Cheyney
- Terence Connelly
- Charliese Eichler
- Gary Homesley
- Donnell Horton
- Joe Johnson
- Waylon Kuklantz
- Kevin Middleton
- Andrew Milholland
- Leo Peeler
- Reagan Poli
- Chip Priser
- Joyce Quigley
- Chris Rasmussen
- Kenton Rhoreerg
- Michael Searing
- Reponda Smith
- Kelly Taylor
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Josie Upton
- Samantha Upton
- Holly Von Seggern
- Herbert & Lenore Watson
- Renate Wilson
- Chuck Wolfe
- Florence Wolfel
- Sara Yarberry

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:

- Elaine Mazyck, friend of Pam Rhynes, died August 6th
- Barbara Dugan, cousin of Jim Hintz, died August 13
- Ralph Yarberry, member, died August 16
- Joyce Reed, sister of Pam Rhynes, died August 18

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: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, give us a vision of our world as your love would make it:
a world where the weak are protected and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the blessings of all are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races, nations and cultures live together with mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love;
and give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through strength and power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering

(Please sign and pass the pew pads)

Offertory Song

"You Are My All in All"

You are my strength
When I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek;
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool;
You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.
Taking my sin,
My cross, my shame,
Rising again, I bless Your name;
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup;
You are my all in all.
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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 *(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.

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

"Everlasting Arms"

Advanced Bells

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.