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“Love God, Serve Neighbor”

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Call to Worship *(Based on 1 Corinthians 12:4-13)*

L: God of the open road, God of the twisting path,

C: God of the narrow and upward way,

L: In this time of worship, remind us of the provision that you have given us for the journey,

C: courage, faith, and endurance to face any hardship.

L: Open our eyes to see you walking beside us,

C: protecting us, encouraging us, and loving us.

L: In the name of Jesus,

C: who guides us on our way. Amen.

Prelude

"All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"

Annette Nolan

Confession and Forgiveness

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

L: God, as the sheep of your pasture and the flock of your fold:

C: we confess that the vigilance of discipleship is difficult, and we are often distracted, weary, or fast asleep. Awaken us from the slumber of our preoccupations and complacency.

Make us good servants and faithful stewards of the gifts you have given us to serve our neighbors.

Draw our hearts to heaven—to your kingdom and your will—

so that we can discover our treasure in you and be ready for the hour of your return.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)


L: Brothers and sisters, this is the Good News:

God calls us not to fear, but to trust. By God's grace, we learn the lessons of letting go of the stuff we cling to and the freedom of finding ourselves held by God. By faith, receive the assurance of God's grace and compassion as the precious treasure of 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. Gracious God, we are your flock, and as *little* as we may be, you have called us to fear not and to trust you with our lives. Make us aware of the courage you have already given us, so that we may live lives of courage, love, and reconciliation in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of this day. Prepare our hearts as we listen to the reading of your Scripture, so that we may discover you are the treasure our hearts have sought all along.
- C: **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

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 12:22-34

The Message

Song of the Day

ELW #773 "Precious Lord"

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

Prayers of the Faithful

L: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you tell us not to be afraid of what the future holds, not to worry about tomorrow, but you know how difficult we find it to heed your words. For we worry about so many things, our families, our friends, and our circumstances. Some of our worries are heavy concerns and others are minor agitations. We come before you this day with all our worries and concerns – big and small – trusting you with our lives.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for people and situations where there is struggle and hardship, unrest and conflict, and hunger and hopelessness.

- For those in Kentucky whose lives have been completely upended because of the recent flood. Strengthen communities and partnerships as the emotional reality of grief and loss is experienced and the physical process of rebuilding begins.
- For the country and the people of Ukraine, as well as other countries that are dealing with political unrest and conflict.
 - Ethiopia
 - Afghanistan
 - Yemen
 - Israel-Palestine
 - Haiti
 - Myanmar

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for those families and friends you have placed upon our hearts.

We especially pray for:

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| ▪ Karen Battle | ▪ Chris Rasmussen |
| ▪ William Brady | ▪ Joyce Reed |
| ▪ Melissa Butler | ▪ Denny Refsnider |
| ▪ Tim Caldwell | ▪ Michael Searing |
| ▪ Helen & Jim Cheyney | ▪ Reponda Smith |
| ▪ Terence Connelly | ▪ Kelly Taylor |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ David Townsend |
| ▪ Gary Homesley | ▪ Laura Tucker |
| ▪ Donnell Horton | ▪ Josie Upton |
| ▪ Mona Ingolia | ▪ Samantha Upton |
| ▪ Joe Johnson | ▪ Herbert Watson |
| ▪ John Kivett | ▪ Renate Wilson |
| ▪ Waylon Kuklantz | ▪ Chuck Wolfe |
| ▪ Kevin Middleton | ▪ Florence Wolfe |
| ▪ Andrew Milholland | ▪ Ralph Yarberry |
| ▪ Leo Peeler | ▪ Sara Yarberry |
| ▪ Joyce Quigley | |

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:

- Dick Poppler, former member of Advent, died July 17th
- Sonny Rodgers, friend of Harriett Easley & family, died July 22nd
- Gale Dean Stuedle, uncle of Staci Noel & brother-in-law of Vicki Stuedle, died July 25th
- Juliana Dixon, granddaughter of former members Allen & Debbie Fast, died July 26th – 7 years old

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, use us to reach out to all those for whom fear and uncertainty are daily realities. Allow us to be a non-anxious presence for them, so that we might be your love with skin on for them: that you are with them, even when the future seems dark and circumstances feel like they are spiraling out of control; that you are truly present even in the bleakest of situations; and that you bring healing and wholeness in the places of deepest hurt and greatest sadness.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, 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 your name.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering

(Please sign and pass the pew pads)

Offertory Song

“Shepherd of My Heart”

Laura Torrence

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

ELW #785 "It is Well with My Soul"



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**