

**Sunday, May 12, 2019**

**Worship at 9:30 AM**

**GATHERING**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

We gather to worship the God who lives in our world and dwells in our lives. We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around:

**God is found in actions of love, justice, and life.**

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life:

**The words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

We need not travel to heaven to find God, we need only to see God's presence all around us:

**God is there when we forgive, when we serve others, when we gather to worship.**

We gather to worship the God who lives in our world and dwells in our lives because Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Gathering Hymn**

**You Servants of God**

**Hymnal #825**

- 1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
- 2 Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!
- 3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

### **Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

God you are the truth that sets us free. Our lives can weigh us down with sin and guilt and only through your mercy are we freed to live our lives as you would desire. We thank you that you love us as a mother loves a child: unconditionally and forever. For that great truth we worship you today in Jesus name. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **First Reading**

### **Psalm 25:1-7**

**Bible pg. 436**

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

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#### Apostles' Creed

*Do you believe in God the Father?*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*Let us welcome the newly baptized.*

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the family of God: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and in sharing God's gifts of love, forgiveness, and new life with all the world.**

#### Scripture Acclamation

Alleluia

(Now the Feast)

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

**Scripture Reading****John 8:31-38****Bible pg. 871**

A reading from John:

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. 37 I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. 38 I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father."

*Word of God, Word of Life*

**Thanks be to God**

**Message****Hymn of the Day     Behold the Hosts Arrayed in White Hymnal #425**

1 Behold the host arrayed in white  
like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,  
that stands with palms and sings its psalms  
before the throne of light!  
These are the saints who kept God's word;  
they are the honored of the Lord.  
He is their prince who drowned their sins,  
so they were cleansed, restored.  
They now serve God both day and night;  
they sing their songs in endless light.  
Their anthems ring when they all sing  
with angels shining bright.

2 On earth their work was not thought wise,  
but see them now in heaven's eyes;  
before God's throne of precious stone  
they shout their vict'ry cries.  
On earth they wept through bitter years;

now God has wiped away their tears,  
transformed their strife to heav'nly life,  
and freed them from their fears.  
For now they have the best at last;  
they keep their sweet eternal feast.  
At God's right hand our Lord commands;  
he is both host and guest.

30 blessed saints, now take your rest;  
a thousand times shall you be blest  
for keeping faith firm unto death  
and scorning worldly trust.  
For now you live at home with God  
and harvest seeds once cast abroad  
in tears and sighs. See with new eyes  
the pattern in the seed.  
The myriad angels raise their song.  
O saints, sing with that happy throng;  
lift up one voice; let heav'n rejoice  
in our redeemer's song!

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694-1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.

## **Prayers**

### **Peace**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always*

### **And also with you**

*Please share the peace of our Risen Christ with your neighbors*

## **MEAL**

### **Offering**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

### **Offertory Anthem**

**Down to the River to Pray**

### **Offertory**

**As The Grains of Wheat**

**Hymnal #465**

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were  
 gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from  
 all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

### **Offering Prayer**

Loving and gracious God, we have given gold, but there is only so much gold. And we have given time, but days have only so many hours. So we give our love. Because love is gold, and love is time. But love is also so much more. Because love is from you. And you God, are love. And so we return all our love back to you.

**Amen**

### **Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

## Lord's Prayer

**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 time is now. Jesus calls us all to this meal.

## Lamb of God

(from now the feast)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

### Final Stanza

*Congregation or Assistant:*



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Music during Communion

### Hymn Children of the Heavenly Father

Hymnal #781

1 Children of the heav'nly Father

safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958

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**Hymn      My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

**Hymnal #759**

- 1 My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
oh, let me from this day  
be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;

bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

- 4 When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then, in love  
fear and distrust remove;  
oh, bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

**Hymn Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead**

**Hymnal #789**

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us; we are yours.
- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.
- 4 Early let us seek your favor,

early let us do your will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

### **Table Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Living God, you have met us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to share your healing love with the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

The blessing of the living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

**Amen.**

### **Hymn**

### **I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me**

### **Hymnal #860**

1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,

singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Text: African American spiritual

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Go in hope. Go in love.

**It's about time.**