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## PRELUDE

## The Lord's Prayer

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In celebration of our baptism, we worship

In the name of God: Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG #1

## A New Hallelujah

*(Please be seated as we prepare our hearts for confession)*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism:  
Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.  
In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.

*(Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues)*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.  
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.  
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG #2**

**We Fall Down**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **GOSPEL**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

**The Holy Gospel according to John the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Angie Myers

### **SERMON**

Pastor Orin Cummings

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

**Greatest Commandment**

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed:

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

**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.**

**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.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*(Please be seated and join us in prayer)*

## PRAYER SONG

## Listen To Your Children

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and open our hearts to your will.

*A brief silence.*

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love and make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree and recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness especially Cathy, Jo Ann, Jack, Jackie, Kin, Mark, Linda, Casey, Mark, Bob, Tommy, and Beverly. Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

**PRAYER SONG**

**Listen to Your Children**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**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.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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 power, and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of grace.  
Receive the gift of new life.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION SONG**

**Goodness of God**

## TABLE BLESSING

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

## He Reigns

## MISSION STATEMENT

**Guided by the Gospel, we:**  
**Welcome all to worship;**  
**Make disciples;**  
**Hunger for ministry;**  
**Nurture youth;**  
**Gather resources for growing ministries;**  
**Offer healing and care to all in need.**

## DISMISSAL

**Alleluia! Christ is risen.**  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
**Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## OFFERING

*(Please place gifts in the plate as you leave)*