

Greeting

Laurie White

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Dr. Kristie Janczyk

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\*Call to Worship

L: Come and hear the good news!

No matter what is happening in your life, God's blessing and love is with you.

Come and hear what God wants you to do: live lives of justice and love and truth.

Come and get courage and strength to be fools for Christ, embracing Kingdom values rather than those of the world.

**P: We're here, ready to listen, open to change, expecting to be blessed by our time together.**

\*Song of Praise

"Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day"

UMH 411

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**Dear Lord, lead me day by day;  
Make me steadfast, wise, and strong;  
Happy most of all to know  
That my dear Lord loves me so.**

*Refrain*

**Praise to God, fount of love,  
Praise from morn till the set of sun;  
Praise at home, praise in church;  
Praise to God everywhere on earth!**

**Dear Lord, lead me day by day;  
Make me follow and obey  
Faithfully your words of life,  
That your love ever abide. (Refrain)**

**Now with confidence I sing  
Joyous praises to our God,  
And with upright heart I give  
Tender care and sympathy. (Refrain)**

## A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer

Jeremiah 29:11-14

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

**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. Amen!**

## Anthem

“Taste and See”

Chancel Choir

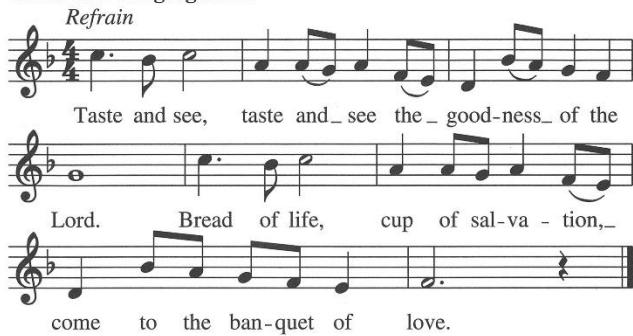
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### Taste and See

**Cantor** Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
**or Choir:** Bread of life, cup of salvation, come to the banquet of love.

**Choir and Congregation:**

*Refrain*



Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Bread of life, cup of salvation,  
come to the banquet of love.

**Cantor** Lord, you write your name upon our hearts;  
**or Choir:** praise and thanks we give to you.  
Come and share the Word of life and love;  
gracious God we give you glory. *Refrain*

**Choir:** Lord, you rule o'er all creation,  
tending all with loving hand.  
You gave us your Son, the Bread of Life;  
Loving God we give you glory. *Refrain*

**Choir:** Praise to you, O God, Creator.  
Praise to Christ, Redeemer, King.  
Praise the Spirit who brings unity.  
Triune God we give you glory! *Refrain*

## Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8

L: Word of God, word of life!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Song of Preparation  
*Psalm 5:8, 4:8 ~ Public Domain*

“Lead Me, Lord”

UMH 473

**Lead me, Lord. Lead me in thy righteousness  
Make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord. Thou, Lord, only  
Who makest me dwell in safety.**

Message

“You Can’t Buy Off God”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

A Service of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is. And because of this, you have a quarrel with us. Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we be fools for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world’s scorn and derision. ~ Silence~**

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

L: Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. May the peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

We Share Our Gifts

Song During Offering

“Love Lifted Me”

Dr. Kristie Janczyk

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\*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise him all creatures here below!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

**O God, you bless us in so many areas of our lives. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of your love and blessing. Today, we give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are and all that we have to bring about your beloved community, here and now. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

**Song During Communion**

**“By Your Grace”**

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**Cindy Haynes**

**\*Song of Response**

**“How Shall I Come Before the Lord”**

**Projected**

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**How shall I come before the Lord  
And bow my self with heart out poured?  
And shall I come with offering?  
What shall I give? What shall I bring?**

**Will finest gifts bring God’s delight?  
Will wealth bring favor in God’s sight?  
What must we be? What must we do?  
What does the Lord require of you?**

**Let justice shine in all your ways.  
Let loving kindness rule your days,  
That, as this earthly path you trod,  
You shall walk humbly with your God.**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Music for Going Forth**

**“Fairest Lord Jesus”**

**Dr. Kristie Janczyk**

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