

Welcome and Announcements

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Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

“May the Words”

Elizabeth Tombouliau

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*Call to Worship

L: God said, "Let there be light."

P: And there was light.

L: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

P: And the light shone in the darkness.

L: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

P: And the light shall not be quenched.

*Song of Praise

“Gather Us In”

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**Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in' the lost and forsaken, gather us in' the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young' our lives are a mystery, we are the old' who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in' the rich and the haughty, gather us in' the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light-years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

Prayers of the People

Anthem

“Come to the Table of Grace”

Chancel Choir

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L: This is the word of God for the people of God!

P: Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise

“This Little Light of Mine”

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This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine!

Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine!

Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Let it shine till Jesus comes! I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine till Jesus comes! I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine till Jesus comes! I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!

Message

“Be a Beacon”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

A Service of Holy Communion

UMH 12

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Time of Quiet for Personal Confession

Words of Assurance

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were still sinners. That proves God's love toward us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: *Glory to God! Amen!*

The Passing of the Peace

Please share signs of peace with one another

We Share Our Gifts

Song During Offering “Help Us Help Each Other”

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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!**

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn as we sing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves
in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering
for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith, singing:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen. Amen. Amen!

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord's Prayer

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**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!**

Holy Communion

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*Hymn of Response

"Pass It On"

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**It only takes a spark to get a fire going
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it
You spread His love to everyone, you want to pass it on**

**What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on**

**I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found
You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top (praise God!)
I want my world to know the Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on**

*Sending Forth with Blessing

L: God is calling us to be a beacon of Christ's love, engaging with our neighbors and creating an atmosphere of inclusiveness, acceptance, and joy.

P: In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go into the world to be the people of God the body of Christ!

*Music for Going Forth

Elizabeth Tomboulian

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

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