

Greeting

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

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Welcome and Announcements

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Music to Prepare Our Hearts “Dancing in the Light of God”

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Threshold “Dare to Dance Again”

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Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,

Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.

Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long,

Dare to dance again!

L: This is the call! Look to the skies be it rain or shine.

P: We lift up our heads to meet the day!

L: Look around and see that you do not dance alone.

P: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action!

L: If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of praise and set out anyway.

P: For we are called to dance again!

L: Please rise as you are comfortable and let's sing together our hymn of praise!

*Hymn of Praise

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah!”

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Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;

Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

*Morning Prayer (Unison)

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation –open us to learn new steps of faithfulness. Give us courage and patience. Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 22:25-31

Interlude

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-39

L: The word of God for the people of God!

P: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Chancel Choir

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Message

“Guide My Steps”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

Call to Prayer

“Teach Me to Dance”

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**Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart
Teach me to move in the power of Your Spirit
Teach me to walk in the light of Your presence
Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart**

The Prayers of the People

L: For the beauty of the world in all its diversity, we give you thanks, O God. Let us pray together...

P: May our gratitude to you fill our days.

L: We need your healing, O Holy One, for our troubled planet, for our nation, for all who are struggling in body, mind, relationships, and spirit. We remember those who are suffering... Let us pray together...

P: Come, O God, and restore our lives.

L: Be with each of us now. May the dance of your Spirit ever call us to engage with you and with the needs around us. Lead us; guide us; surround and fill us as we pray,

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,
teach me to trust in the word of your promise,
teach me to hope in the day of your coming,
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.**

Invitation to the Table of the Lord

L: Will you open yourselves to the grace of Jesus Christ that is always and already available here at this table? If so, say, "Open us to your grace, Lord."

P: Open us to your grace, Lord.

L: Will you open yourselves once again to the call of Jesus Christ? If so, say, "Open us to your call, Lord."

P: Open us to your call, Lord.

L: Will you open yourselves to the possibility of transformation through Jesus Christ? If so, say, "Transform us, O Lord."

P: Transform us, O Lord.

Silence

L: Hear this good news! God has loved you from the very beginning. The invitation of Christ is never-ending. The Holy Spirit is transforming you even now! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!

The Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Song During Offering

"Wade in the Water"

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

L: Jesus is with us!

P: With us now and forever!

L: So lift up your hearts and voices!

P: We lift them up to God!

L: Let's join in thanks and praise!

P: How right it is to do this together!

L ... And so we join with the glorious chorus of saints past and present,

singing a never-ending hymn of praise:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are they who come in in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

L: ... And so, my friends, we remember. And we believe:
Christ *has* died. Christ *is* risen. Christ *will* come again!

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

Song During Communion

“Communion Medley”

Canterbury Bells

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*Hymn of Joy

“To God Be the Glory”

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**To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.**

Refrain

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (*Refrain*)**

**Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)**

*Sending Forth with Blessing

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