

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Please stand as you're able.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Sing Praise to God,* arr. P. Laubengayer[1]

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN 612** *We Praise You, O God*, Kremser[2]

***LITANY OF CELEBRATION**

One: Praise the name of God, who breathed life into our bodies.
ALL: Praise the name of God, who gave us a garden.
One: Praise the name of God, who saved us from the flood,
ALL: Who gave us a rainbow,
One: Who sent us a dove,
ALL: Who promised to be our God,
One: For we would be God's people.
ALL: Praise the name of God, who led us out of bondage,
One: Who parted the Red Sea and sent manna,
ALL: Who sent the prophets,
One: Who called us from chaos to shalom.
ALL: Praise the name of God, who sent the Son.
One: All praise to God almighty!
ALL: Praise the name of God, who stills the waters,
One: Who gives us bread,
ALL: Who generously pours wine,
One: Who raises us from the dead,
ALL: Who never ceases looking for lost lambs,
One: Who saves us from self-righteousness,
ALL: Who heals our broken bodies,

One: Who calls us from our religiosity,
ALL: Who challenges us to throw the first stone,
One: Who gives us a cup of cold water
ALL: And asks us to do the same for others,
One: Who call us out of shadows into a new Light;
ALL: Who gives us in Christ a new commandment:
One: Love one another.
ALL: Praise the name of God who weeps with us and laughs with us and calls us to believe.
One: Praise the Lord God almighty!

***HYMN 647** *Give Thanks*, Give Thanks[3]

TIME FOR WONDER (Children's Time)
After the message, children may go with the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

SCRIPTURE READING - *a reading from Psalm 36*

HYMN 37 *Let All Things Now Living,* Ash Grove[4]

GRATITUDE FOR FAMILY – "TO YOU," by Ann Weems

***PASSING THE PEACE**
One: ...the peace of Christ be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

GRATITUDE FOR OTHERS - "Where I saw God Last," by Rev. Sarah Speed

HYMN 644 *Give Thanks, O Christian People,* Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvogelein[5]

GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GIFTS - "Gifts from God," by Ann Weems

ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth,* arr. R. A. Nichols[6]

OUR RESPONSE IN PRAISE & THANKS - "Christmas Trees and Strawberry Summers," by Ann Weems

***HYMN 757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*, Kingsfold[7]

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
One: ...We Pray... **ALL: Give us today our daily bread.**

THE 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 today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row. Bring coins! All change collected will go to a mission project chosen by the children.*

OFFERTORY *Count Your Blessings,* arr. D. Miller[8]

***DEDICATION HYMN 717** *For the Life That You Have Given*, Pleading Savior[9]

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

LITANY OF DEDICATION

One: O God, you give us the morning sun and the evening star:
ALL: We have gathered to thank you.
One: O God, in you we live and move and have our being:
ALL: We have gathered to praise you.
One: O God, you bring us out of wilderness experiences and into the Promised Land:
ALL: O God, we praise your name.
One: God of grace, with our offerings we respond to your gift of Jesus Christ.
ALL: May they be used to further your kin(g)dom. Amen.

HYMN 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*, Ar Hyd Y Nos[10]

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

***HYMN 643** *Now Thank We All Our God*, Nun Danket Alle Gott[11]

***BENEDICTION & CHARGE**

POSTLUDE *Nun Danket Alle Gott*, J.S. Bach[12]

Leaders Today

Pastor: Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee
Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman
The Chancel Choir
Liturgist: John Nass
AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou
Readers: Linda Moss & Chuck Kamp
Ushers/Greeters: Abe & Carrie Aberle, Bob Weber, Doug Halls (Deacon)

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