

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: We give You thanks for Jesus at whose birth the angels sang of the coming reign of peace on earth, who fed the hungry, humbled the mighty, and proclaimed the good news. With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to You, sharing this holy meal, Remembering Christ's dying and rising, And praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us - this bread, this cup, this people - Christ's body and blood, that brings us peace. As You make us one in the Spirit, grant us the strength and wisdom to seek peace in the world. Keep us in the peace of Christ until You gather us at Your table in glory. Guide us in the path of peace. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People: Amen

(based on BCW, pp. 172-4)

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(gluten free bread served)

Prayer after Communion

God our hope, we give You thanks that You have given us this foretaste of the heavenly realm of justice and peace.

Strengthen us with this food from Your table as we seek to serve You. Lead us in lives of purpose and joy as we await the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory

*Gloria Patri No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

I Am Thine, O Lord

(insert)

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commissioning**

***Blessing and Charge (Responsive)**

Leader: Jesus Christ is the dawn that lights the way of peace.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Therefore, let us follow in that way, making peace with all.

People: Amen.

Postlude

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Special Thanks Today:

Usher: David Diener

Lay Leader: Cindy Hurst



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Sunday Order of Worship

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Worship Service

October 5, 202511:00 AM

* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

Eternal God, You have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised Your Name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of Your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality.

Minute for Mission

Operation Christmas Child

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,

People: Bless God’s Holy Name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and do not forget God’s benefits, who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: who redeems our life, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: who satisfies us with good as long as we live so that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s. Bless the Lord.

Based on Psalm 103

*Hymn of Praise

My Hope is Built

No. 353

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet You call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow You on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind You. In the power of Your Spirit we pray, Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Grace (Responsive)

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

People: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

John 6:51

Pew Bible page 755

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Exodus 16:1-18

Pew Bible pages 51-52

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Lord of the Small

arr. Dan Forrest

Robin Madden

Sermon

God’s Provision

Rev. Dr. Russ Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

What Does the Lord Require of You

No. 70

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church — a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers, awaiting their entire salvation in Jesus Christ, being washed by His blood and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit. This church has existed from the beginning of the world and will last until the end, as appears from the fact that Christ is Eternal King who cannot be without subjects. And this holy church is preserved by God against the rage of the whole world, even though for a time it may appear very small, as though it were snuffed out. And so, this holy church is not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain persons. But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.

—from Belgic Confession, Art. 27

Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

On the Lord’s Day, Christians from around the world gather at the table, one family sharing one meal. On this day, we focus our attention on that global gathering that happens every time we share the cup and the loaf. Christ invites us: “Let anyone who is thirsty come to Me, and let the one who believes in Me drink.”

(John 7:37-38)

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, Eternal God, creator of the universe. You made us from the dust of the earth, breathed into us the breath of life, and set us in Your world to love You. We rejected Your love, Your peace. We chose to live in enmity with one another rather than peace with You and all creation. But You did not reject us, and You called us back to You over and over again. We thank You for the prophets like John who prepared the way of peace. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your Name: