

**Prelude:** How Great Thou Art – arr. Shackley

## **Welcome**

*Please fill out the friendship pad in your pew, (please be sure to date the top of the page.)*

*Please stand*

## **Dialogue**

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

**the conviction of things not seen.**

God has blessed us with a great cloud of witnesses,

**A great history of people who lived by faith.**

So let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

**Looking to Jesus who perfects our faith.**

Doing all that we do in faith,

**And striving to see that mutual love prevails.**

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

*Let us pray together:*

**Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise:** He Is Exalted, by Twila Paris (*will be projected*)

*Please be seated*

**First Reading:** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Gospel:** Luke 12:32-40

The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Remix the Story**

**Pastoral Moment**

*Please stand*

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW #525, You Are Holy

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*Please kneel as you are able*

### **Prayers of Intercession:**

Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

*A brief silence.*

Lord God, bless and send your church out from each place of worship to be a light to the nations. Wherever we set out in faith, equip us to share our hope in Jesus Christ. Bless us in our mission to know, live and share your word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and protect your creation, raising up stewards and innovators to nourish and sustain natural wonders too many to number. Protect bees and butterflies, and send sun and rain where they are needed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and govern the nations, uniting all humankind in seeking justice and peace. Fashion our hearts and guide our deeds in love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and comfort those in need, providing shelter to those without homes, food for those who hunger, companionship to those who are lonely, and health to the sick. Today we especially pray for Bobbie Schini, Peter White, Pete Whiteman, Gail Hilton, Linda Adams, Brett Van Handel, Lydia Fresca, Bob McCorkle, Rae Coughlin, Allison Parkinson, Fonda Pyfer, Kent Snell, Karen Wendland, , Mandi Barnett, Louise Williams, Hedy Tranchitella, Susan Scheivert, Dick Whiteman, Justin Roland and those we name before you now...brief silence....Be their help and their shield. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and sustain those wanting but unable to bear children, those in the adoption process, and children longing for parents. Welcome in love those who seek homes in a new community or country, and give us eyes to see and hearts to respond to the needs of our newest neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep in your care the faithful loved ones who have died in Christ until we join them in the everlasting city, whose architect and builder is God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of wonder, hear the prayers of your servants as we express our needs in the silence of the moment and the privacy of our hearts.....(long silence).....Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## **Offering**

**Offertory:** Blessed Assurance – arr. Choplin

*Please stand*

**Offertory Response:** ELW #686, We Give Thee But Thine Own

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

## **Presentation of Gifts - Offering Prayer**

*Let us pray together:*

**Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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 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 and ever. Amen.

## Invitation To Communion

God invites you to this table of abundance.  
**Come, the banquet is ready.**

## Communion Song: ELW #471, Let us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

### *Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

*Please be seated, ushers will direct you to communion. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask your server.*

## Distribution

**Communion Hymns:** ELW #638, Blessed Assurance  
ELW #639, When We Are Living

*Please stand*

## Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Benediction

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

## **We Bless One Another**

Blessed by God, let us bless one another  
**The Lord Bless you and keep you this week.**

**Sending Hymn:** How Great Thou Art, by Paul Baloche (*will be projected*)

*Please be seated*

## **Announcements**

## **Dismissal**

Now go in peace, to Know, to Live, and to Share God's Word. **Thanks be to God.**