

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Slow March (from Fourth Sonata) - William Boyce

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

The lands on which we are gathering today are the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of the Huron-Wendat, Metis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We deeply respect the many generations of people who have cared for this land and whose spiritualities, teachings and ways of knowing are closely tied to it. We seek to build right relations with these Peoples, to learn from them and to live together on this land with respect and gratitude.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: We light this candle to remind us that Christ is the light of the world and present in our midst.

All: May the life and words of Jesus enlighten us on our way.

HYMN VU 37 *Gloria*

Gloria, gloria,
in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria,
alleluia, alleluia!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this World-Wide Communion Sunday we gather in relative ease and comfort but mindful of turmoil in the world.

All: Some gather in the wake of natural disaster, and others to the sound of arms firing.

One: As we prepare to share in the broken body and spilled blood of Christ we are mindful of the brokenness of the world and hope for peace and justice.

All: In worship we find the sustenance to strengthen us for the journey. Let us worship together in honesty and humility.

CENTERING PRAYER

All: Holy One, who has created the world and the universe of which it is a part, make us increasingly mindful of your vastness and of our smallness. Saving One, who used his authority to challenge and enlighten, make us aware of your presence and wisdom. Present One, who uses the simple and the grand to attune our senses to your nearness, open our eyes and ears to deeper awakening. Holy One, Saving One, Present One, accept our prayers and praise. Amen.

HYMN VU 271 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
- 2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.
- 3 There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that Christ has shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
- 4 Troubled souls, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?
- 5 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy One, Sacred Mystery, greater than words can express;
whose love for us and all creation exceeds our capacity to
imagine, open our hearts and minds. Amen.

READING

Matthew 21: 23 - 32

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 601 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

Tune: Tallis' Canon VU440

- 1 The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.
- 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- 4 For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.
- 5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all without reserve
and spread Christ's liberating word.

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Grieve-Deslippe

Answering a Question with a Question

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

DOXOLOGY

HYMN VU 540 *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

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HYMN VU 459 *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face* v. 1-3

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.

2 Here I will feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here I will lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for me spread;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Come, all who need a word of peace, all who need a word of encouragement, and all who need a word of grounding. The invitation to the meal is for everyone: seekers, doubters, believers, and everyone in between. Come, for the meal is ready.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN VU 466 *Eat This Bread*

Eat this bread, drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.

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SHARING THE BREAD

SHARING THE CUP

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you, God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here may remain always in our hearts. Grant that ours may be the faith which issues in action: through Christ our Lord, Amen.

HYMN VU 459 *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face* v. 4, 5

4 Too soon we rise, the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone:
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

5 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

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BENEDICTION

One: God bless your going out as your coming in. Christ be a lamp to guide you on your way.

All: **And may the Holy Spirit be our companion and guide as we minister in the wider community. Amen**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN VU 477 *I Come with Joy*
5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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POSTLUDE

Grave from Sonata II - Felix Mendelssohn

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