

## WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please turn to your neighbor and exchange the greeting of peace.*

### \*Gathering Music #401 “Gather Us In”

*Gather Us In*

Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
Now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: God is calling us to gather together;

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are one.**

Leader: God is calling us to join with our neighbors around the world;

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are one.**

Leader: God is calling us to bring in those who are lost, and those who have been rejected;

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are one.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, all of us belong to one another, for we are the body of Christ.

**People: Come, let us worship God, and follow Jesus Christ our Savior.**

### \*Hymn of Praise #612 “We Praise You, O God”

*Kremser*

### Prayer of Confession

**God our God: we fill our souls with the empty sounds of our culture, and wonder why we are so empty when we need words of hope, of grace, of comfort. We are careful to follow the prescriptions our doctors give us, yet pay little heed to your hopes for us. We puff out our chests over what good people we are, yet do not notice how our pride trips those who seek to follow Jesus.**

**Forgive us, Holy One, and be gracious to us: astound us with your words, so we may learn your ways; nourish us with your mercy, so we may be filled with life; enter our empty souls, till they overflow with praise for your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

### Prayer Response #418 “Softly and Tenderly”

*Softly and Tenderly*

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.

## WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

### The Word with the Children

**Anthem** “We Are the Hands of Christ”

by John Parker and Joel Raney

### The Word Spoken

In the beginning was the Word

**And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

*1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

**Pew Bible, NT, Page 171**

*Mark 1:21-28*

**Pew Bible, NT, Page 35**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Word Declared:** “Unclean”

Rev. Karen Ware Jackson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

\***Hymn of Response #180** “Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”

*Authority*

### Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Let us pray. 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.**

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you make the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made your eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place. And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer      Glory to God Hymnal, p. 35**

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle upon this bread and this wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And let that same Spirit rest upon us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

### Words of Institution

On the night in which he was arrested, our Lord took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, “This is my body- broken for you. Do this remembering me.” And after they had eaten, he took the cup and said, “This is the cup of the new covenant, sealed for you in my blood. All of you, drink of it remembering me.” And so whenever we eat this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death and resurrection, until he comes again.

### Prayer After the Meal

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread, and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

\***Affirmation of Faith** from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

**Sections 1 and 4**

**Glory to God Hymnal, p. 37, 38**

### Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

**Offertory** “Face of Christ”

by Chris Rice

\***Doxology #717** “For the Life That You Have Given”

*Pleading Savior*

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.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

\***Closing Hymn #372** “O for a World”

*Azmon*

## WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

### \*Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

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## INFORMATION AND PRAYER LISTS

**Adult Sunday School** meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Parlor. We are currently doing a series of one-week studies from *The Thoughtful Christian*. Please come join in the engaging discussion!

**February Elder of the Month: Bob Waugh.**

