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 preparing our hearts

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

– Romans 12:10, 18<sub>ESV</sub>

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 \*\* call to worship

*Leader:* O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**All:** You have set your glory above the heavens.

*Leader:* When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**All:** What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

*Leader:* Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

**All:** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

– Psalm 8: 1, 3-5, 9<sub>ESV</sub>

## WORSHIP CHRIST THE RISEN KING

Rise, O Church! and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell  
Sing as all the earth rejoices, resurrection anthems swell  
Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ the Risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now its mouth declares  
Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares  
Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ the Risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power  
All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour  
He has conquered! He has conquered! Christ the Lord the Risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory  
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free  
Stand in triumph! Stand in triumph! Worship Christ the Risen King!

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## **\*\*prayer of invocation**

*Leader:* Lord, you are Creator and Giver of life. You have created humankind in your image to reflect your glory to the world, and we praise you for the work your hands have done. We humbly come before you as your image-bearers. Open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands as we seek to serve you and glorify you through our love for one another. Transform us into new creations, serving others like Jesus came to serve. Strengthen us and equip us to do your work in our community, our nation, and our world. Breathe new and everlasting life into us this day as we enter your holy presence. This we pray to you, our great Savior, Creator, and King. Amen.

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## **\*\* affirmation of faith**

*Leader:* What is the duty that God requires of man?

**All: The duty God requires of man, is obedience to his revealed will.**

*Leader:* What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

**All: The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.**

*Leader:* Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

**All: The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments.**

*Leader:* What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

**All: The sum of the Ten Commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.**

– *Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 39-42*

## NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. \*

\* *Chorus:*

O, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus. \*

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus;

This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus. \*

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus. \*

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

– 2 Chronicles 7:14<sub>ESV</sub>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Loving God,**

**In your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of the world.**

**Although Christ is among us as our peace,**

**We, God’s image-bearers, are divided against ourselves.**

**We confess we have injured, hurt, and slandered one another.**

**We have not always defended, protected, or generously served each other.**

**The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor**

**And nation against nation.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.**

**Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love**

**In Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation

– 2 Corinthians 5:17-18<sub>ESV</sub>

**All: Thanks be to God.**

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole. \*

\* *Chorus:*

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my victory wins. \*

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. \*

Jesus! I do now receive him. More than all in him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. \*

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*Leader:* Matthew 5:17-21  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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prayer

*An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.*

*Leader:* All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,  
**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

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\*\* passing the peace

*Leader:* Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*An elder will lead the passing of the peace.*

*If you are joining us from your home, unmute yourself so that you can greet one another.*

*If you are gathered here with us today, greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ while being careful to practice safe social distancing.*

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**Exodus 20:1-17** ESV | 1 And God spoke all these words, saying,

2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**



1. How we value life
2. How we devalue life
3. How God values life

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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

**All:** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving each other. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

– Adapted from Colossians 3:12-14<sub>ESV</sub>

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## WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

*The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, please wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. There are two tabs on the communion sets. The clear tab on top opens the bread. The tab underneath opens the grape juice.*

*Please hold on to your materials to dispose of on your way out of the sanctuary. If you have a gluten allergy, please indicate this when prompted and to your server, to receive a gluten-free wafer. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymn.*

***NOTE TO PARENTS:*** *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24<sup>ESV</sup>

*Minister:* Let us lift up our hearts.

**All:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**All:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Minister:* It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

**All:** **Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and the cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. And as this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in this world, bringing all glory and honor to your great Name.**

*Minister:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*As the elements are distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.*

## ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left thee;  
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight; tears lose their bitterness.  
Where is thy sting, Death? Where, Grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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## **\*\* offering & song of thanksgiving**

*As you are able, please continue to joyfully give to the work of the Lord through our church by giving [online](#) or depositing your offering in the box with the deacon.*

*Note: [Other ways to give](#), including mailing a check to the office, are available.*

### GRACE THAT IS GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt;  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. \*

*\* Chorus:*

Grace, grace, God's grace; grace that will pardon and cleanse within.

Grace, grace, God's grace; grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross! \*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace; freely bestowed on all who believe.  
You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? \*

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## **\*\* benediction**

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## **\*\* doxology**

**All:        Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
              Praise him all creatures here below;  
              Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
              Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
              Amen.**