

GATHERING

✠ *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.* ✠

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safe Harbor Video

GATHERING SONG “Join the Journey”

Come join the journey of Jesus today;
Love is the light that will show us the way.
And like the trees, bearing good fruit,
we will bring forth Jesus' love.

Come join the journey of Jesus today;
Joy in the spirit will brighten our way.
And like the trees, bearing good fruit,
we will bring forth Jesus' joy.

Come join the journey of Jesus today;
Peace is the promise for us to proclaim.
And like the trees, bearing good fruit,
we will bring forth Jesus' peace.

Come join the journey of Jesus today;
Love is the light that will show us the way.
And like the trees, bearing good fruit,
we will bring forth Jesus' love.
We will bring forth Jesus' love.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND HEARING THE GOOD NEWS *(please stand)*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,
**we confess the many ways
we have failed to live as your disciples.
We have not finished what we began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.
Put your trust in these promises:
God will never leave you or forsake you.
You who were lost have been found.
For the sake of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

SONG OF PRAISE “My Life Is in You Lord”

My life is in You, Lord.
My strength is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord,
In You, It's in You.
My life is in You, Lord.
My strength is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord,
In You, It's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life.
I will praise you with all of my strength.
With all of my life, with all of my strength.

All of my hope is in You.
My life is in You, Lord.
My strength is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord,
In You, It's in You.
My life is in You, Lord.
My strength is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord,
In You, It's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life.
I will praise you with all of my strength.
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord.
My strength is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord,
In You, It's in You.
My life is in You, Lord.
My strength is in You, Lord.
My hope is in You, Lord,
In You, It's in You. In You.

PRAYER

Direct us, O Lord God, in all we do, with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen (please be seated)

BACKPACK BLESSING / NOISY OFFERING

WORD

✠ *God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.* ✠

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Pew Bible OT, p. 206

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 1

(read responsively)

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

ALLELUIA *(please stand)* **"Hallelujah, Hear Our Praises"**

From the mountains to the valley Hear our praises rise to You.
From the heavens to the nations, Hear the singing fill the air.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

From the mountains to the valley Hear our praises rise to You.
From the heavens to the nations, Hear the singing fill the air.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Pew Bible NT, p. 79

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Erin

SONG OF THE DAY

“Take My Life”

(please stand on last verse)

Take my life and let it be Consecrated Lord to Thee.

Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, Always only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold. Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use Every power as You choose.

Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee

(please stand)

Take my will and make it Thine It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At your feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be Ever only all for thee.

Take myself and I will be Ever only all for Thee.

Take myself and I will be Ever only all for Thee.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 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.**

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this congregation possible. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. If you would like to use your smart phone to give online, see the card with our QR code in the pew racks.

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the “For Children Everywhere” box.

OFFERING SONG “I Give You My Heart”

This is my desire, to honor You.
Lord, with all my heart I worship You.
All I have within me, I give You praise.
All that I adore is in You.

Lord, I give You my heart.
I give You my soul.
I live for You alone.
Every breath that I take, every moment I’m awake,
Lord, have Your way in me.

This is my desire, to honor You.
Lord, with all my heart I worship You.
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Every breath that I take, every moment I’m awake,
Lord, have Your way in me.

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

**God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it.
Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the
offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

THE LORD’S SUPPER

✠ *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.* ✠

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

LORD’S PRAYER

We pray in confidence in the words Jesus gave us:

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

*All who are baptized and trust Christ’s word are welcome to the Lord’s table.
Please come forward as directed by the ushers. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are
available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*

COMMUNION SONG

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound.
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found.
Was blind but now I see.

Tw'as Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns;
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns;
Unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow.
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine. Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

✠ *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.* ✠

BENEDICTION

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

SENDING SONG

“Holy Is the Lord”

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing,
Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing,
Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around;
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It is rising up all around;
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

And together we sing,
Everyone sing.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God!

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Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

FIRST READING**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**Luke 14:25-33**

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.