



**FOR ALL WHO ARE  
LED BY THE SPIRIT OF  
GOD ARE CHILDREN  
OF GOD.**

ROMANS 8:14, NRSV

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## WELCOME TO THE STORY

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*It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.*

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## A Story that Invites Us

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Singing Bowl



During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

SONG . . . “*Spirit in the Sky*”

When I die and they lay me to rest  
Gonna go to the place that's best  
When they lay me down to die  
Goin' on up to the spirit in the sky

*Chorus*

Goin' on up to the Spirit in the sky (Spirit in the sky)  
That's where I'm gonna go when I die (when I die)  
When I die and they lay me to rest  
I'm gonna go to the place that's the best  
Prepare yourself, you know it's a must  
Gotta have a friend in Jesus  
So ya know that when you die  
He's gonna recommend you to the  
Spirit in the sky (Spirit in the sky)

*Repeat Chorus*

I've always been a sinner, I've always sinned  
But I've got a friend in Jesus  
So ya know that when I die  
He's gonna set me up with the Spirit in the sky

*Repeat Chorus 2x*

I'm gonna go to the place that's the best  
I'm gonna go to the place that's the best

**WELCOME**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*P: The peace of Christ is with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

Please Stand



P · E · A · C · E

and

**CONFESSION**

**FORGIVENESS**

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

*P: Dear God, you have every right to be disappointed with us. We have such good intentions, but we continue to mess up.*

**All: Forgive us, God.**

*P: We joyfully sing of your love on Sunday morning, but by Monday, we're feeling lost and unlovable.*

**All: Forgive us, God.**

*P: We preach tolerance and compassion, but we find ourselves raging at the guy who cuts us off in traffic.*

**All: Forgive us, God.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P: Then you forgive our sins, and once more show us how to forgive others. You offer us a vision of truth and love meeting together, and you invite us into their warm embrace.*

**All: Thank you, God.**

*P: As your forgiven people, beloved children of your promise, you renew us in holy love.*

**All: Thank you, God. Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Are we weary from our labors?

**All: Here we will find rest.**

L: Are we divided from family and friends?

**All: Here we will find peace.**

L: Are we spent from our efforts to bring God's kingdom?

**All: Here we will find strength.**

L: Are we looking for a shepherd to watch over us?

**All: Here we will find the one who makes us whole.**

**SONG . . . “Here With Me”**

*Verse 1*

I long for Your embrace  
Every single day  
To meet You in this place  
And see You face to face  
Will You show me  
Reveal Yourself to me  
Because of Your mercy  
I fall down on my knees

*Chorus*

(And) I can feel Your presence here with me  
Suddenly I'm lost within Your beauty  
Caught up in the wonder of Your touch  
Here in this moment I surrender to Your love

*Verse 2*

You're everywhere I go  
I am not alone  
You call me as Your own  
To know You and be known  
You are holy and I fall  
Down to my knees

*Repeat Chorus*

I surrender to Your grace  
I surrender to the One  
Who took my place

*Repeat Chorus 2x*

**GREETING**

*P:* The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace is with you all.

**All:** And also with you. Amen.

**LITANY OF PEACE**

*L:* To honor you, O God,

**All:** We come before you to worship and praise.

*L:* Transform every moment of our lives,

**All:** into moments of worship and praise that honor you.

*L:* To be near you, Holy One.

**All:** We come into your presence with hope and prayer.

*L:* Transform our words and thoughts.

**All:** Into acts of prayer and thanksgiving that bring us ever close to you.

*L:* We want to be people of unity and peace.

**All:** Transform our community with love that is boundless and with peace that passes all understanding.

*L:* That others may see us knit together as one,

**All:** built on the foundation of Christ.

*L:* In your loving peace we sing...

**HYMN OF PRAISE . . . “Glory to God”**

*Refrain*



**All:** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



*Refrain*

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.



*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L:** Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion.

**All:** By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

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## The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

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### READING . . . *Romans 8:12-25*

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh; for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the thirteenth chapter.*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL . . . *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

*Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.*

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So

when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

*P: The Gospel, the good news of God*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be Seated

**CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Pastor Tim**

## **BAPTISM OF SINJIN SCHURZ**

*P: We are God’s work of art.*

**All: Each one a precious gem, a marvelous tapestry, a potter’s delight.**

*P: We are God’s handiwork, born in Christ Jesus to be a blessing.*

**All: Every one of us, woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.**

*P: We are God’s creation,*

**All: All of us washed by grace, saved by faith and called to praise.**

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS. . . David and Sophia Schurz**

*P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for David and Sophia, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation. In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. David and Sophia, as you desire to make public affirmation as a sign of your renewal and participation in the life and work of the Church of Christ, I ask you the following question: Do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?*

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for David and Sophia in their life in Christ?*

**All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*P: Dear God, we give you thanks for David and Sophia whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we welcome into this household of faith.*

**All: Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread, the prayers, and in service to others.**

Please Stand

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: 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.**

### **WELCOME**

Council President: Let us welcome David, Mariza, Sophia, and Sinjin to this community of faith.

**All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Please Stand

### **SONG . . . "You Are My King"**

#### *Verse 1*

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted; You were condemned  
I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me  
Because you died and rose again

#### *Repeat Verse 1*

#### *Verse 2*

Amazing love how can it be  
That You, my King would die for me?  
Amazing love I know it's true  
it's my joy to honor you.  
In all I do I honor you.

#### *Repeat Verse 2*

#### *Ending*

You are my King  
You are my King Jesus  
You are my King Jesus  
You are my King

#### *Repeat Verse 1, Verse 2, and Ending*

### **HOMILY . . . Pastor Tim**

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#### **A Story that Feeds Us**

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### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

L: As disparate peoples from many places, we have been knit together by God into a holy community. From strangers,

**All: Christ has built us together into a holy temple in the Lord.**

L: With thankful hearts to the One who continues to bless us,

All: **let us be generous as we collect today's offering**

## THANKFUL OFFERING

SONG . . . "10,000 Reasons"

### Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

### Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

### Repeat Chorus

### Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

### Repeat Chorus

### Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

### Repeat Chorus 2x

## Ending

Worship Your holy name

Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Please Stand

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . "Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring"



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Generous God, just as your Son taught us how to pray,

All: **he also taught us how to share with those in need.**

L: When a neighbor knocks at our door needing bread,

All: **we know how to respond.**

L: When people in our community are hungry,

All: **we know how to respond.**

L: When sisters and brothers around the world are hurting,

All: **we know how to respond.**

L: Thank you for this opportunity

All: **to turn prayer into action. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

L: Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world. Enliven your church with love for your world, O God. Give undivided hearts to Christians from Africa and the Americas, Asia and Europe. Make us one in faithful witness to your will.



Lord, in your mercy,  
**All: hear our prayer.**  
 L: Renew the life of this earth, O God, even as it groans because of misuse and decay. Cultivate in us an eager longing for a healthy and life-giving earth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**All: hear our prayer.**  
 L: Embrace those who suffer, O God. Give peace to all who are near death, hope to those who are depressed, shelter to the homeless, and healing to the sick. Lord, in your mercy,  
**All: hear our prayer.**  
 L: Embolden our witness to your love, O God. Send us out into the world with courageous hearts, persistence, and holy wisdom. Inspire us to tend to and delight in our children's faith. Lord, in your mercy,  
**All: hear our prayer.**  
 L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

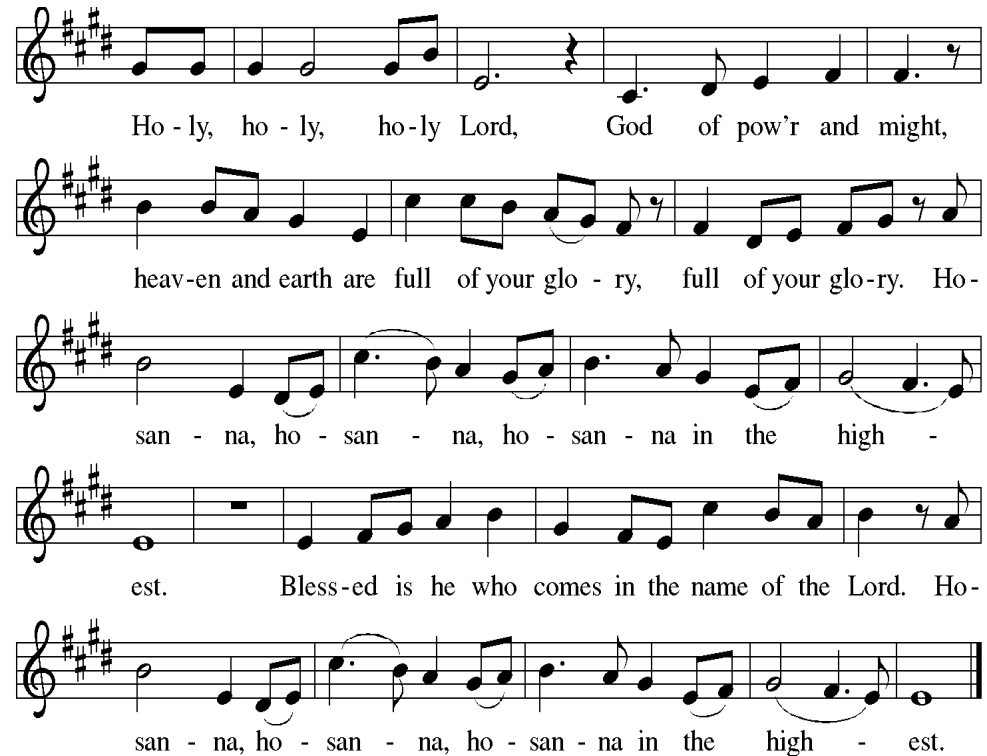
Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,  
**All: hear our prayers.**  
 L: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.  
**All: Amen.**

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: The Lord is with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
 L: Lift up your hearts  
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**  
 L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*P: Blessed are you God of promise. From the beginning you have shown people what could be:*  
**All: in the promise to Sarah and Abraham,**  
*P: in the words of Moses and Aaron,*  
**All: in the dance and song of Miriam,**  
*P: in the faithful relationship of Ruth and Naomi,*  
**All: in the dreams of Joseph.**  
*P: with your love we sing...*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*P: Holy are you, and holy is your child, Jesus Christ, who taught his disciples in stories and parables*  
**All: that the realm of God is all around us when we look with the eyes of faith.**  
*P: On the night in which he gave himself up, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, offered thanks and gave it to the disciples, saying: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim the mystery of faith*

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ to a world that yearns to be made new.*

**All: Maker of seed and harvest, Spirit of story and parable, Giver of new life, we praise your holy, eternal, loving name. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*P: As you are one with us, O Christ, make us one with you as we pray as you taught...*

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

### FRACTION RITE

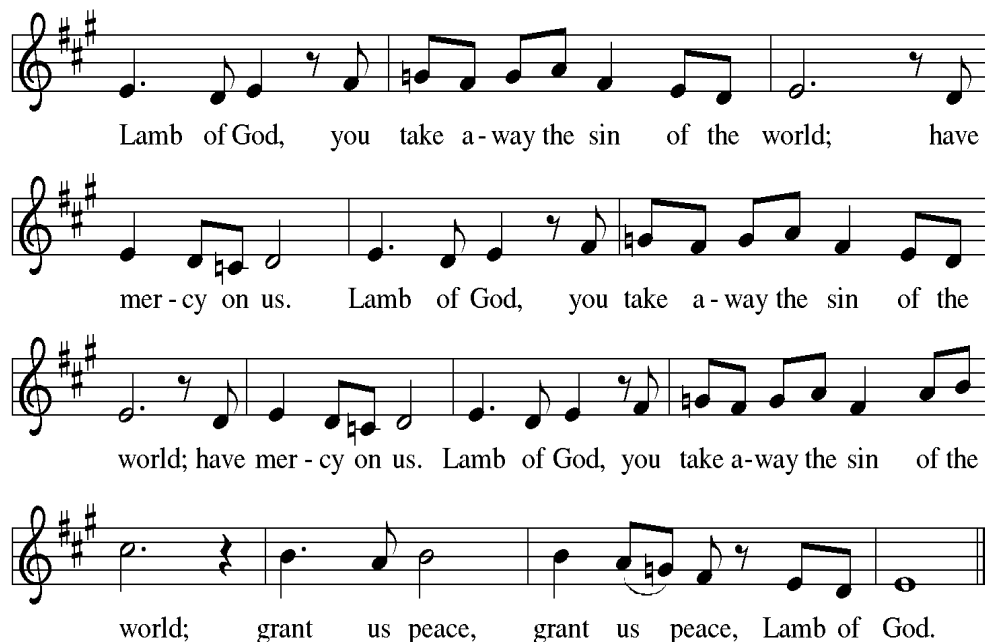
*P: This is Jesus, the friend of outcasts. Jesus welcomes the lost like us.*

**All: Happy are we to be invited to the table.**

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Distribution is by intinction down the center aisle.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.

### COMMUNION HYMN . . . "Communion"

#### Chorus

This is the body  
This is the blood  
Broken and poured out  
For all of us  
In this communion  
We share in His love  
This is the body  
This is the blood

*Verse 1*

I will remember ev'rything Lord  
That You've done for me  
I won't take for granted the sacrifice  
That set me free  
I hunger and thirst for Your love  
Come fill me today

*Repeat Chorus*

*Bridge*

We hunger and thirst for Your love  
And Your righteousness  
We long for Your presence here Lord  
Be with us again

*Repeat Chorus*

This is the body  
This is the blood  
This is the body  
This is the blood

**COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Ubi Caritas”**

Ubi Caritas, et amor  
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est

(Translation: Where love and charity are, God is there)

**Singing Bowl**



**Please Stand**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*P:* Creator God, bless this gift of bread with the yeast of your love.

**All:** **Flow through this gift of wine with your life-giving grace.**

*P:* As we receive these gifts, make us one with you through the power of your Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Nurture our lives, that we may be loaves of your generous abundance.**

*P:* Pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be vines of loving nourishment for one another and for a world in need of growth and strength.

**All:** **In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**L:** Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

**All:** **May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Be Seated

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please Stand

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**A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve**

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**COMMISSIONING**

*P:* Go in peace, knowing that you are forgiven people. Go in faith, knowing that God hears your prayers and understands your needs. Go in love, knowing that God invites you into the holy embrace of truth and righteousness.

All: **We go now as children of the living God to serve others in Christ's name. Amen.**

Those who desire extra time to exit  
are invited to do so during the last hymn.

**SENDING OUT . . . "Psalm 40"**

I will wait for You O Lord  
Because You have filled my heart with joy  
You lift me higher and higher  
You're my one and only desire

*Chorus*

You put a new song in my mouth  
A hymn of praise to You  
All I wanna do when I wake up  
Is spend my day with You  
You put a new song in my mouth  
A hymn of praise to You  
You put my feet on the Rock Lord  
I put my trust in You

Sing a new song  
Sing a new song yeah

*Verse 2*

Ev'rybody say I will wait for You O Lord  
Sing I will wait for You O Lord  
Ev'rybody sing I will wait for You O Lord  
Because You have filled my heart with joy  
You lift me higher and higher  
You're my one and only desire

*Repeat Chorus*

Sing a new song yeah

*Bridge*

Many will see You and fear You Lord  
Put their trust in You  
Many will see You and fear You Lord  
Put their trust in You yeah  
Sing a new song, Sing a new song yeah  
Sing a new song, Sing a new song whoa

*Chorus*

You put a new song in my mouth  
A hymn of praise to You  
All I wanna do when I wake up  
Is spend my day with You  
You put a new song in my mouth  
A hymn of praise to You  
You put my feet on the Rock Lord  
I put my trust in You

*Repeat Chorus*

Sing a new song yeah yeah  
Sing a new song, Oh everybody sing

*Ending*

*Band: I will wait,*

**All: I will wait**

*Band: I will wait for You*

**All: I will wait for You**

*(sing 2x)*

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

No Formal Ushering Out