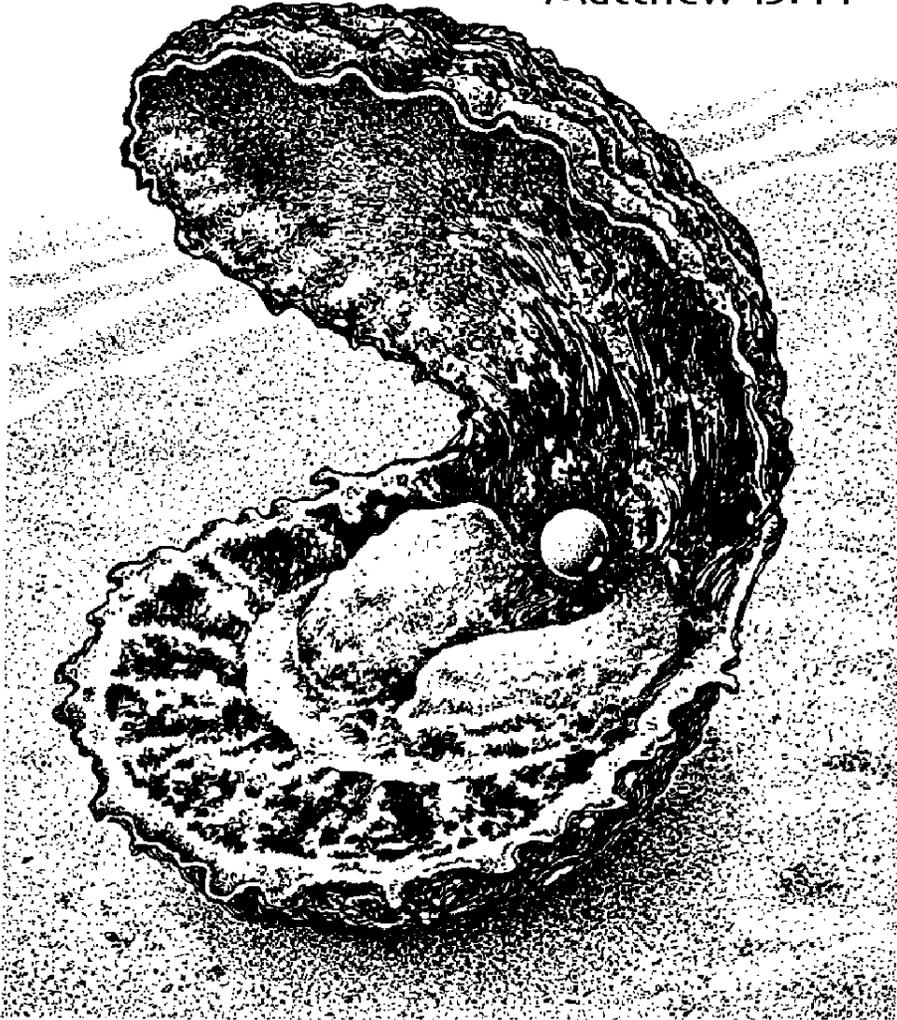


The kingdom of heaven  
is like a treasure hidden.

Matthew 13:44



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## WELCOME TO THE STORY

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*In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!*

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## A Story that Invites Us

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

### 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.

**PRELUDE . . .** Leilani Camara and Michael Keating

## WELCOME

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**All: And also with you.**

Please Stand

## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.*

**All: Amen.**

*P: In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P: God our strength,*

**All: we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

*P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.*

**All: Amen.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**L: God, you call us through your Spirit that we may gather in celebration of the new community.**

**All: Open our hearts that we may feel acceptance and respect for our differences.**

L: We are all different and yet we share a yearning that touches us and compels us to join together in unity with one another.

All: **Open our minds that we may learn from one another, and use our knowledge to bridge gaps and build a community of faith for all.**

L: Give us strength that we may risk ourselves in the face of discrimination and oppression.

All: **Open our spirits that we may share the message of your Spirit.**

### OPENING HYMN . . . “God of Grace and God of Glory” vs. 1, 4

Text: Harry E. Fosdick - Tune: John Hughes - Cranberry Book #705



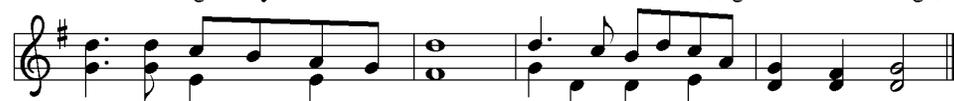
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



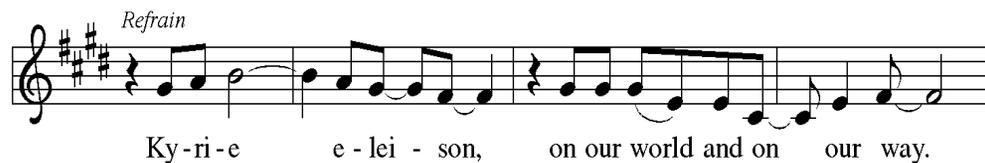
for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

### 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.**

### KYRIE ELEISON . . . “Lord, Have Mercy”



L: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Refrain**

L: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

All: **Refrain**

L: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Refrain**

L: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Refrain**



# 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.

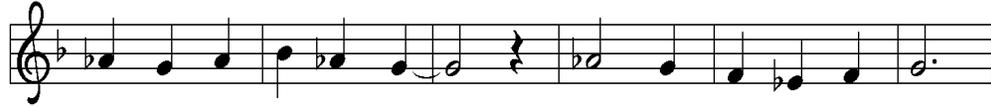
*Refrain*



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.

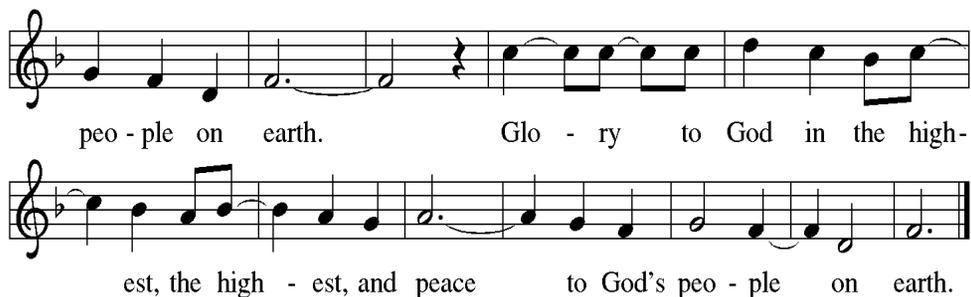


A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*



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



### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L:** Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy.

**All:** **By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from 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 8:26-39*

*These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.*

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed

to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

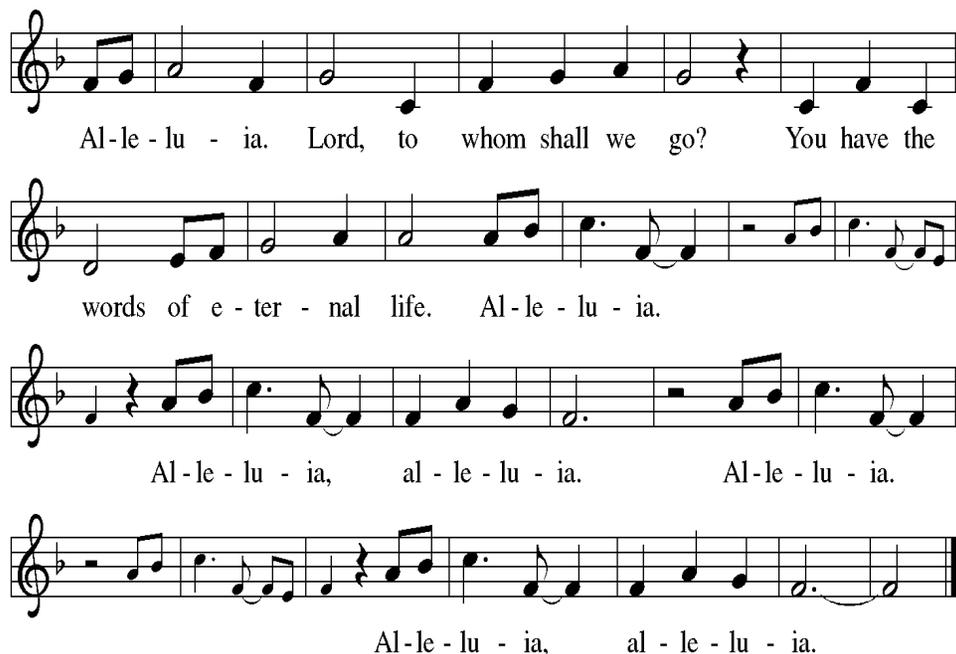
**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**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 13:31-33, 44-52

*Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.*

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures

of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

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

Be Seated



Please Stand

## HYMN . . . “We Eat the Bread of Teaching” vs. 1, 2

Text: Omer Westendorf - Tune: Jerry Ray Brubaker - Cranberry Book #518

*Refrain*

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are  
giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er  
joined, the great-est and the least, we all are  
one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.  
1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our  
2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and  
hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-gain  
from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-  
*Refrain*  
ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.  
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.

Be Seated

MESSAGE . . . *Members of the RIC Committee*

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## A Story that Feeds Us

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### INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: Contribute to the needs of God's people. Welcome strangers into this church home.

**All: These calls of hospitality are answered when we give of our time, talent, and treasure. Let us offer our gifts to God this day.**

### THANKFUL OFFERING

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: Holy One in our midst, take our offerings and bless them,

**All: that they may multiply and be a blessing in your world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### THE PRAYERS

L: Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Shine the light of understanding on your church on earth. Bind us

together in the word to share your love with the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Protect birds and their nests, fields full of crops, the seas and the fish that swim in them. Inspire us to care for the creation you love. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Nurture faith in those who doubt. Lift up those who are weak in body, mind, or spirit. Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, and surround with love those facing their last days. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Expand the understanding of this assembly to see our neighbors as you see them. Let the yeast of your word grow beyond us to expand your boundless love to those around us. 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 prayer.**

L: Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

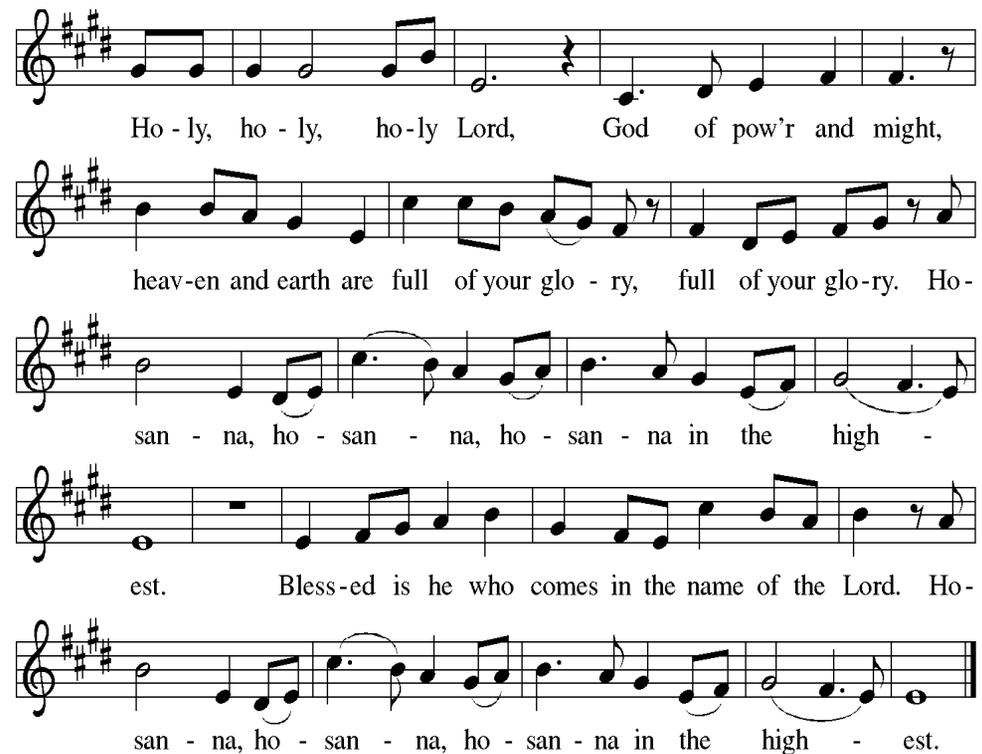
L: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to God!**

L: Celebrate God's love!

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

*P: We give thanks and praise to you, God of love and grace! With gratitude, we recall how you formed us from the very earth, made covenant with us from the beginning of time, and call us again and again to be your people. In your amazing love, you came as one of us in the form of Jesus the Christ, showing us the way of unconditional love and the path of self-giving service. Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, with women and men of faith in every part of the world we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:*



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: Even as he faced death on a cross, Jesus washed the feet of both enemies and friends, gave thanks and rejoiced in a time of great sorrow, broke bread and shared the cup of salvation with all, showing us the path of servanthood and love. And so we remember Jesus' words of self-giving love as he broke bread and poured*

wine, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you. Take, drink. This is my life poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." Called to remember these acts whenever we eat and drink, we come now to the table in remembrance of these gifts as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

*P: God of love, pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might be servants of your love. Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that they might be for us your very presence.*

**All: Flow through us with your love and grace, that we might be your loving presence for others, extending kindness to strangers, forgiveness to adversaries, and mutual love to all.**

*P: Live in us, that by your Spirit, we might be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at the heavenly banquet.*

**All: Flow through us with your love and grace, that we might be your loving presence for others, extending kindness to strangers, forgiveness to adversaries, and mutual love to all.**

### 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: In Christ, there is no east or west. In God's love, there is neither Jew nor Greek. At this table of grace, there is no distinction between stranger and friend, member and visitor, sinner and saint.*

**All: All are welcome at this feast of love.**

Be Seated

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

### LAMB OF GOD



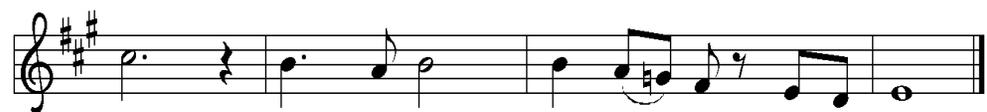
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

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

## COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Text: Johann Franck - Tune: Johann Crüger - Cranberry Book #775



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



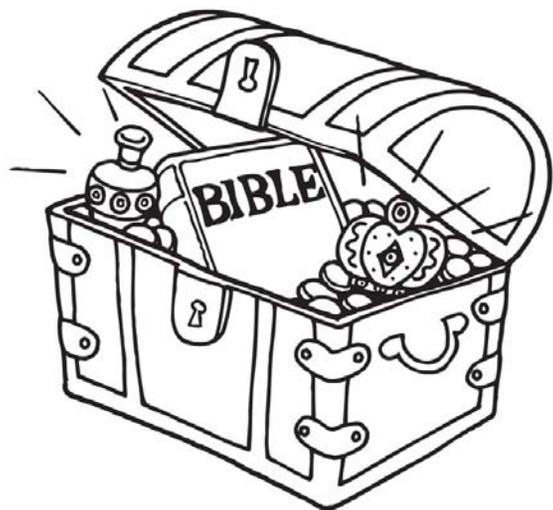
tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has  
 can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be  
 Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst-ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;  
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;  
 saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be-side thee.  
 yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!



## COMMUNION HYMN . . . “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Text: Omer Westendorf - Tune: Robert E. Kreutz - Cranberry Book #484



You sat - is - fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?  
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*P:* O God, you are Hospitality. You are Welcome. You are the Invitation, the Table, the Feast. By your spirit may we learn to receive and offer grace, to share from the sustenance of our lives and not simply its crumbs.

**All:** Embolden us as we serve as the voice of those who continue to ask the church for justice and bread. In Christ 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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## WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: *Let us covenant together that no one will be left beneath the table lapping up crumbs. The church remains diminished and malnourished until all are welcome to partake of your abundance.*

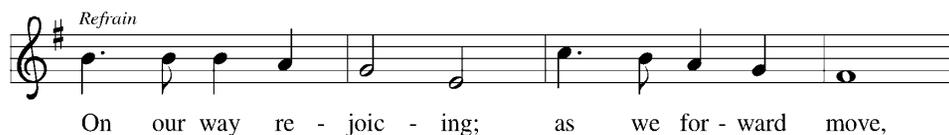
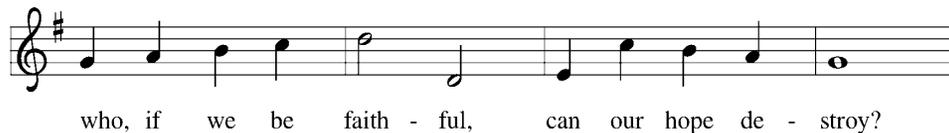
All: **Now, companioned by the Spirit, we go forth to be the evidence of the all-inclusive hospitality of our welcoming God! Amen.**

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



## SENDING OUT. . . “On Our Way Rejoicing” vs. 1

Text: John S. B. Monsell - Tune: Frances R. Havergal - Cranberry Book #537



## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

No Formal Ushering Out

**Join us on the patio  
for ice cream.  
It's Sundae Sunday!**

