



*God's Work,
Our Hands*

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September 10, 2017 – Rally Day
8:45 AM, 17th Sunday after Pentecost
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“God’s work. Our hands” Sunday provides an opportunity to serve our neighbors in new ways and with new partners. It also provides an opportunity to gain new insights, to be renewed in faith and to gain fresh strength for serving in all our daily callings.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are part of the Church universal – faithful people of every color, gender, class, sexual orientation, age and ability, gathered to love and serve God.

L: We are an Open and Affirming church. Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news which we celebrate this day!

All: There is a place in God’s heart, there is a place at Christ’s table, there is a place here and in every welcoming church for all people.

L: Christ who gathers us, bids us follow in the ways of love and justice.

All: May our hearts be open to Christ’s leading in our worship and our living, this day and always.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

All: Amen.

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of all,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN. . . “Gather Us In” vs. 1, 2

Text: & Tune: Marty Haugen – Cranberry Book #532
Favorite Hymn of Collin & Diana Thormoto



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.

GREETING

P: God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us, God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

RALLY DAY LITANY

L: Loving God, we thank you for all the blessings of the summer that is past,

All: and we pray for your help for the new term of Christian Education that is about to begin.

L: Let it be a year of shared learning, O God!

All: Deepen the knowledge of your Word among us.

L: Accept our commitment to the strengthening of Christian education,

All: and keep us faithful in fulfilling it.

L: Make it a year of shared worship, O God!

All: Sharpen our skill in the art of common prayer.

L: Let our music sound forth with power. Let our choirs and bands sing joyously of your love.

All: Let instruments of all types add their sounds of glad praise.

L: Let it be a year of shared witness, O God!

All: Help us to strive together for a deeper faith.

L: And give us courage, tact and a keen sense of timing

All: for sharing our faith with friends.

L: Make it a year of shared concern, O God!

All: Help us, as inhabitants of this wonderful, fragile planet, to be better stewards of its resources.

L: Compel us, to secure food and justice for the poor.

All: Empower us, as objects of your reconciling love, to work in the ministry of reconciliation.

L: O God, you have been our help in ages past:

All: You alone are our hope for years to come.

L: Be our help still, for we rest our hope in you,

All: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.

All: Without your help, we will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . *“Praise the Lord, His Glories Show”*

WE LISTEN AND THINK

READING . . . *Romans 13:8-14*

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

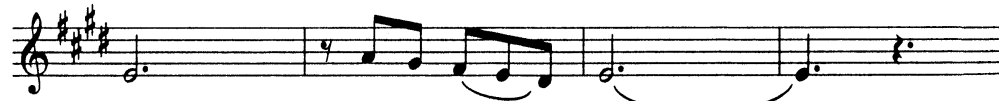
ALLELUIA VERSE



All: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we



go? You have the words of e - ter - nal



life. Al - le - lu - ia!

P: *The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter*

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . *Matthew 18:15-20*

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should show wrongdoers their need for repentance.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind

on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Cheryl Hall

Blessing of Backpacks and Briefcases



Installation of Christian Educators

Cheryl Cox-Hall, Michael DiPaola, Michael Keating,
 Kathleen Keating, Rea Ellen Keating, Leon Klovdahl,
 Erika Lullo, Terri MacFarlane, Judi McDowell,
 Karen Narveson, Dean Sieglaff, Kellie Smith,
 Bethany Stevenin, Marta Wicke, Nate Wicke, John Williams



Please Stand

HYMN . . . “Canticle of the Turning” vs. 1, 2

Text: Rory Cooney - Tune: Irish traditional - Cranberry Book #723
 Favorite Hymn of Carmen Blair, Collin & Diana Thormoto



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant’s plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to



weak-ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

MESSAGE . . . *Pastor Tim*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: We are unique human beings linked with all of creation and gathered from diverse places to share a ministry faithfully, to raise questions hopefully, to work for justice lovingly.

In whom and in what do we believe?

All: We believe in God, eternal yet ever-moving one, who creates and is creating, who keeps covenant with humankind, who sets before us the ways of life and of death.

We believe in Jesus, the servant-advocate, who lived the way of dying/rising, who embodied justice and reconciliation, who, with authority, calls us to share this way and this embodying.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, sustaining presence and transforming power, who dwells among us in clarity and in mystery, who inspires us individually and corporately, who challenges, prods, emboldens.

We believe in the church, community of faith and caring, covenant and promise, which nurtures our pilgrimage and through which we are called to be witness to God's truth, love and justice

We believe our believing affects our daily walking and talking, our doubting and struggling, our decisions and choice-making, our responses to persons and systems.

We intend in this community in these days to raise questions hopefully, to work for justice lovingly, to share a ministry faithfully, and, by God's grace, passionately!

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have received much from God: grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself.

All: In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. In gratitude for God's generosity, let us share God's abundance with one another.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY

Refrain

All: As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world.

All: As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. We pray for the church universal. Reconcile our differences. Forgive our divisions. Unite us at your table. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: For your creation. Increase our stewardship of all that you have given to us. Let the earth flourish for those who come after us. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: For all those in need. Bind up our hurts. Heal divisions in our families, friendships, and neighborhoods. Comfort those who need your special care. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: For this congregation. Make us signs of your love and forgiveness in this community and in the world. Help us to grow in our love for one another. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Hear now the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you. All: And al - so 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

All: 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.

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.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,

All: and make us one with you.

Be Seated

THE LAMB OF GOD

The musical score for 'The Lamb of God' is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and melodic. The lyrics are: 'All: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.' The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and repeat signs.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

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

All are welcome to the Prayer and Healing Station in the narthex during communion.

COMMUNION HYMN . . . "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane - Tune: Frederick C. Maker
Cranberry Book #338
Favorite Hymn of Hal Lewis



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



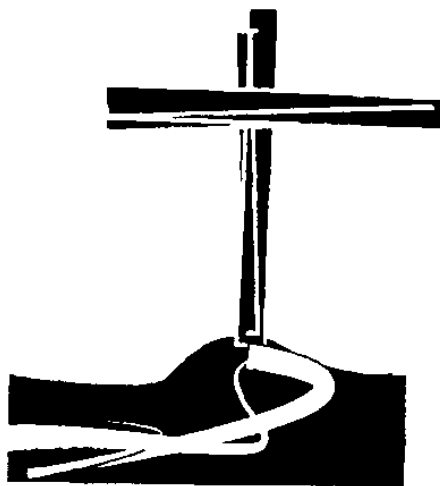
the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Text: Psalter - Tune: J. L. Macbeth Bain - Green Book #451
Favorite Hymn of Elise Lewis



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.



The
LORD
is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “And Did Those Feet in Ancient Time”

Text: William Blake – Tune: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry – Cyber Hymnal
Favorite Hymn of Meg Ehmann

And did those
feet in an-cient time Walk up-on Eng-land's mount-ains green? And was the
Ho - ly Lamb of God On Eng-land's plea-sant pas - tures seen? And did the
coun - te - nance di - vine Shine forth up - on our cloud-ed hills? And was Je-
- ru - sa - lem build-ed here A - mong these dark sa-tan-ic mills?
Bring me my bow of burn-ing gold! Bring me my
ar - rows of de - sire! Bring me my spear! O clouds, un - fold! Bring me my
char-i - ot of fire! I will not cease from men-tal fight, Nor shall my
sword sleep in my hand, Till we have built Je - ru - sa - lem In Eng-land's
green and plea-sant land.

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 THANKS

All: Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.
From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us.
Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.

All: Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

WE CARRY GOD'S CARING LOVE TO THE WORLD

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

P: Our hands have created war and terror and have drawn lines between friends and enemies. Now we search for lasting peace and radical reconciliation.

All: Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day.

P: Our hands have created hunger and poverty, homelessness and unemployment. Now we long to be fed, sheltered and given new opportunities.

All: Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day.

P: Our hands have polluted your creation and misused our resources. Now we seek clean air, soil, water and abundant life for all living things.

All: Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day.

P: Our hands have broken homes, communities and nations with fear, abuse and violence. We plead for safety and wholeness.

All: Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day.

P: Our hands have brought discrimination and oppression based on race and class. Now we look for unity in diversity and the freedom to live in holy community with one another.

All: Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day.

P: Your hands created the world, and your life redeems it. Even now we see your reign of peace among us.

All: For our hands and your work, O God, we praise you today and every day.

SENDING OUT . . . "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

vs. 1, 2

Text & Tune: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community
Cranberry Book #808
Favorite Hymn of Faye Williams



1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.



I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flection of you.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.



Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Welcome all!

All: We will. Thanks be to God.



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