

If anyone will not

*welcome you
or listen*

to your words.

shake off the dust from your feet
as you leave that house or town.



MATTHEW 10:14, NRSV

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If you're looking for a community that seeks to follow God's vision, there is a place for you here. Trust that the mystery of God has brought you this far on your journey and will guide your future steps. All of who you are is welcome here.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

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

WELCOME TO THE STORY

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

A Story that Invites Us

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

WELCOME

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

Please safely share the peace with one another.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

*P: Gracious God, pour out your mercy on us. Where there
is despair,*

All: fill us with hope.

P: Where there is sorrow,

All: fill us with comfort.

P: Where there is sin,

All: fill us with forgiveness.

P: Where there is hatred,

All: fill us with love.

P: Where there is worry,

All: fill us with assurance.

P: Gather us in the arms of your grace and glory,

**All: that we may reflect your glory with honor and praise
all the days of our lives.**

P: In your holy name, we pray.

All: Amen.

Silence for Reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

P: God, who saves, is amongst us now: filling our lives with grace,

All: forgiving us and making us one, perfecting all of creation, through the mercy of God's steadfast love.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: A gift of a new day,

All: unlived, untried, ready to be opened.

L: A new day with surprising miracles;

All: with love to be given,

L: kindness to be shared

All: and peace to be enjoyed.

L: A gift of a new day,

All: God's gift to us.

L: Let us receive it with joy

All: and live it in expectation

OPENING HYMN: "Listen, God Is Calling" vs. 1-3

Refrain

Lis-ten, lis-ten, God is call-ing, through the Word in-vit-ing,
of-fer-ing for-give-ness, com-fort, and joy. joy.

1 Je-sus gave his man-date: share the good news
2 Let none be for-got-ten through-out the world.
3 Help us to be faith-ful, stand-ing stead-fast,

Refrain

that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri-une name of God go and bap-tize.
walk-ing in your pre-cepts, led by your Word.

INVOCATION FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

P: Creator and Ruler of humankind: while songs of our nation's birth ring in our hearts, remind us to celebrate the oneness of the race you have created and the openness of the church you have loved.

All: And help us, who are your church in this place, to be truly open to all your children and to pray for the coming of the day when all shall be one in Jesus who has broken down all the walls that now divide us. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 prayers 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.

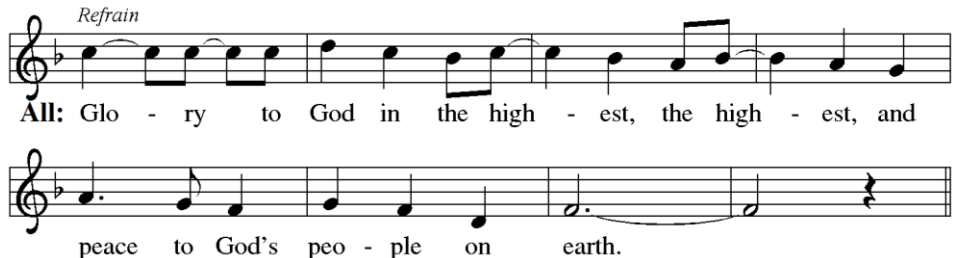
L: That others may see us knit together as one,

All: built on the foundation of Christ our Peace.

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 - mighty 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

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: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.

All: **Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Be Seated

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: God, teach us how to dance to the rhythm of your wisdom;

All: **show us how to laugh**

R: so that we can live for the praise of your glory in Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

R: The first reading is from the book of Ezekiel, chapter two, beginning with the first verse.

FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 2:1-5*

[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

R: Here ends the reading. The second reading is from Second Corinthians, chapter twelve, beginning with the second verse.

SECOND READING: *2 Corinthians 12:2-10*

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly

of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

R: Here ends the reading.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

R: Invited to be an honor to God's glory,

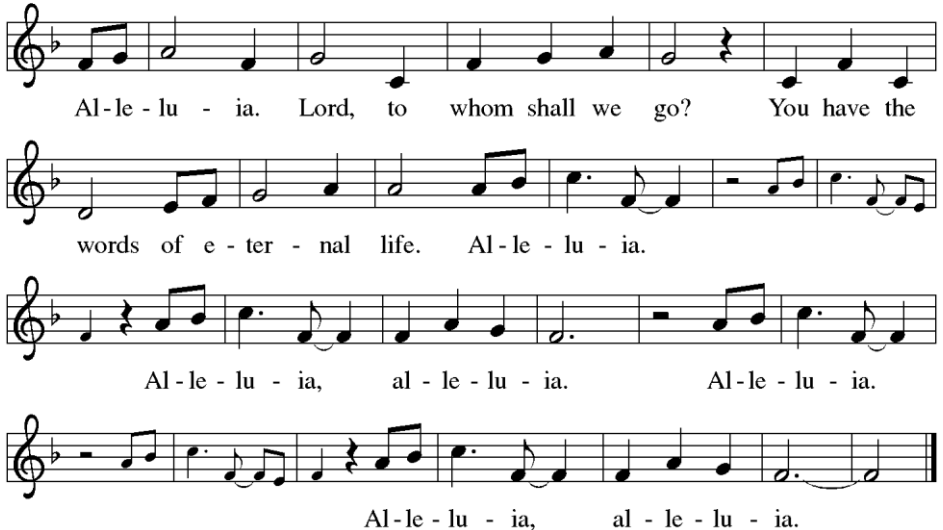
All: we can become reflections of God's glorious love and grace.

R: Invited to sing praise to God's glory,

All: we can become voices of God's hope for all the world.

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 Mark, chapter six.

All: Glory to you, O God.



GOSPEL: *Mark 6:1-13*

[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel, the good news of God.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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CHILDREN’S TIME – Pastor Tim

Please Stand

HYMN: "Christ, Be Our Light" vs. 1,4,5



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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MESSAGE – Pastor Tim



A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: God's boundless generosity transcends the limits of this world and nudges us to fill our land with blessing.

All: Through our energy, time, talents, and treasures, we usher God's peace into a world filled with storms and obstacles.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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: We are always rejoicing, Holy One, for your many gifts in our lives. Even when we have nothing, you make us feel as if we have everything.

All: May these gifts usher peace into our world, that all may know of your love and touch your grace. Amen.



THE PRAYERS

L: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. 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: In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

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: Let us give thanks to 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: We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

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

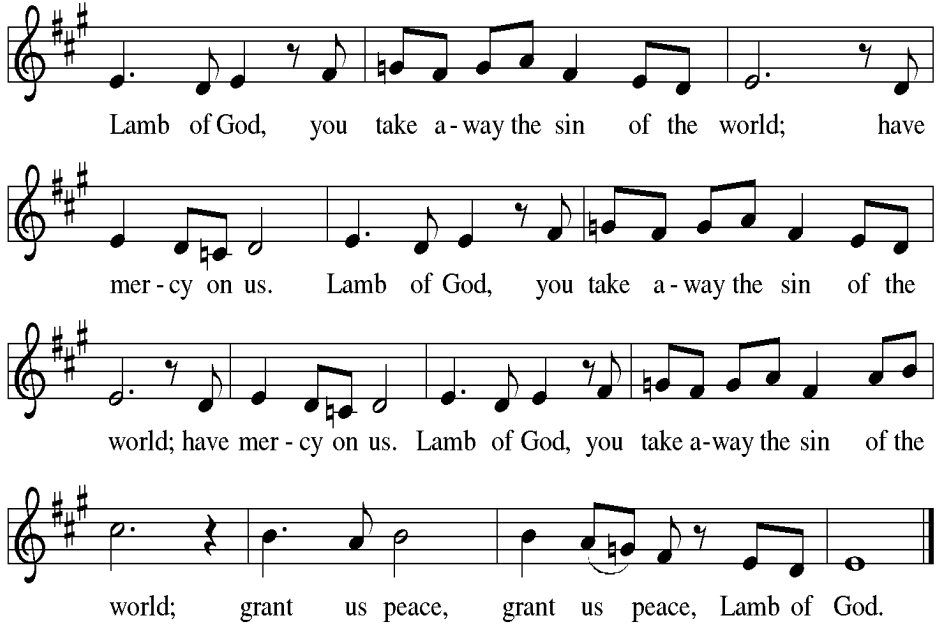
P: Here is food that satisfies, the taste of communion. Here is wine pouring free, the washing away of fear. Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all.

All: May this peace be in us and among us, a sign of hope for a world renewed.

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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.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

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

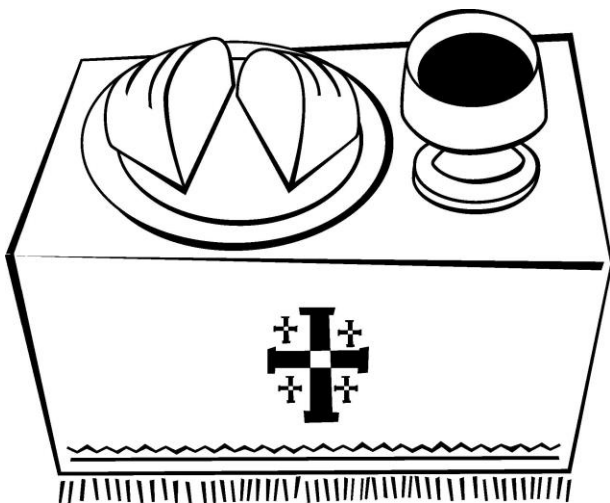
For communion at the altar rail:

When directed by the ushers, you may come up the center aisle to the altar rail, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into. Eat. Then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (light yellow), or water (clear) from the assistant. Drink. Then place your empty cup in the tray that follows. Rise and return to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMN: “*God Extends an Invitation*”



God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.



COMMUNION HYMN: "Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

SINGING BOWL



Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

All: As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may share in your great love.

All: Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are an everlasting God! Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

COMMISSIONING

P: Go where God leads you.

All: We go to serve and to love.

P: Go where Christ calls you.

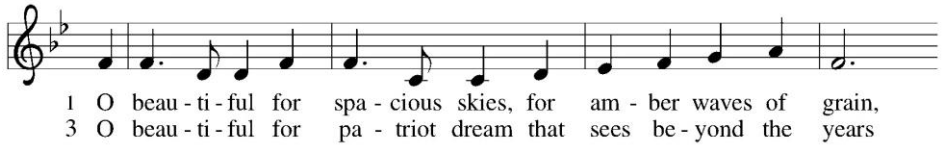
All: We go to lead and to guide.

P: Go with the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: We go to share God's power with all.



SENDING HYMN: “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” vs. 1,3



DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

