



I am
the bread of life.
He who comes to me
will never go
hungry....

John 6:35

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE . . . “Morning Has Broken”

Favorite Hymn of The Miedema Family

WELCOME

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.

INVOCATION

P: We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

All: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.

P: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

All: God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.

P: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is waiting for us

All: with a tender heart and a searching question.

L: God is ready for us

All: with truth and wisdom from a deep well.

L: God is blessing us
All: with springs of living water.
L: God is sending us
All: to sing, pray and witness every day.
L: God is here.
All: Let the conversation begin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross.

P: Before we speak, God knows our needs, yet our words open our hearts to God's grace.

All: Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another.

P: Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people.

All: We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—yet find no hope in them.

P: We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them.

All: We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

P: Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness.

All: Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives,

P: even as Jesus Christ, our Savior, brought these gifts to us,

All: calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

Silence for Reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

P: Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

All: We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.

LITANY . . . by Joan Stott, based on Psalm 130

L: Healing God, we come together in our brokenness, to call to you in your mercy, to make us whole again.

All: Wholeness-giving God, listen to our prayers, we pray.

L: Restoring God, we gather to worship you, even as we hopefully seek to be renewed and restored again.

All: God, our Quiet-Centre, listen to our prayers this day.

L: Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you! In the depths of your Holy Being we find peace and rest.

All: God – our Beginning and our End, we hope always in you. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world.

All: Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.



INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

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

All: show us how to laugh

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

All: Amen.

READING . . . *Ephesians 4:25--5:2*

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL . . . *John 6:35, 41-51*

Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph,

whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Jesus feeds us in our need.

All: We are sustained by God’s loving Spirit.

Reader: Jesus brings us hope.

All: We are strengthened by God’s mercy and grace.

Reader: Jesus gathers the lost and the scattered.

All: We are reclaimed by God’s saving love. In Jesus, we are made whole.

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: With what shall we bring our praise and honor to God?

All: As we bring offerings and gifts this day, we are invited to reflect on the myriad ways we might offer our words, our actions, our lives, and our very being in praise and honor to God.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Compassionate Shepherd, accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude

All: for the generous gifts you give us; gifts flowing from the eternal stream of your grace. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: Go forth from this place and imitate the Holy One in all you do.

All: We will live with love, speak with kindness, touch with gentleness, walk with humbleness, and build up the kingdom of God.

P: Go forth into the world and live in love, as Christ has lived in and through you.

All: We go in love.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE . . . “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Favorite Hymn of Kathleen Keating

SINGING BOWL