

**“Mary has chosen
what is better ...”**

Luke 10:42, NIV



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WELCOME TO THE STORY

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

A Story that Invites Us

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 – “*Wonderful Words of Life*” - Myrna Emata Diaz, Kathleen Keating, and Michael Keating

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Fire of God’s love is with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please Stand

INVOCATION

P: The precious love of God, which is in Jesus Christ our hope, and the life of the Spirit is with us all.

All: Jesus will always love us.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

All: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: We are free to love as God loves. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, open your hearts, and listen for the voice of God.

All: Come, open your hearts to love one another.

L: Come, open your minds, and receive the Spirit of wisdom.

All: Come, open your minds to new understanding and insight.

L: Come, open your senses, and experience our Creator at work.

All: Come, open yourselves to the work of God around us.

L: Come, open your arms, awake and arise, for God is calling you.

All: Come and join in the worship of our awesome God.

OPENING HYMN – “*Shall We Gather at the River*” vs. 1,4 Favorite Hymn of John Williams



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

GREETING

P: The Spirit of God is here,

All: calling us to worship and praise.

P: The Spirit delights in our presence,

All: rejoicing alongside us.

P: The Spirit of Truth is still speaking,

All: granting wisdom for our lives today.

KYRIE ELEISON

Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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

Refrain

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-



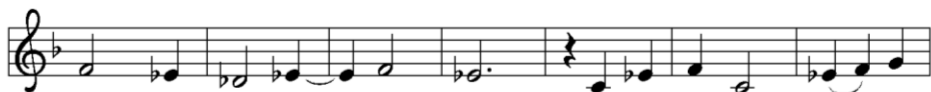
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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
 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: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest.

All: Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Be Seated

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: God, you show us your way in the words of scripture. May we hear and speak your word, through these readings and the teachings they share.

All: May we, like Mary, sit at your feet and listen.

Reader: Today's reading is from Colossians, chapter one, beginning with the fifteenth verse.

READING – *Colossians 1:15-29*

Christ is the image of the unseen God
and the firstborn of all creation,
for in Christ were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers—
all things were created through Christ and for Christ.
Before anything was created, Christ existed,
and all things hold together in Christ.
The church is the body;
Christ is its head.
Christ is the Beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
and so Christ is first in every way.
God wanted all perfection to be found in Christ,
and all things to be reconciled to God through Christ—
everything in heaven and everything on earth—
when Christ made peace
by dying on the cross.

At one time, you were alienated from God by the way you thought and the evil things you did. But now you are reconciled in Christ's mortal body through death, so that you can now stand before God holy, pure and blameless—provided you persevere and stand firm on the solid base of your faith. Never let yourselves drift away from the hope promised by the Good News that you have heard, which even now is being preached to the whole human race, and for which I, Paul, was made a minister.

Even now I find my joy in the suffering I endure for you. In my own body I fill up what is lacking in the sufferings of Jesus, for the sake of Christ's body, the church. I became a

minister of this church through the commission God gave me, to preach among you the word in its fullness—that mystery hidden from ages and generations past, but now revealed to God’s holy ones. God’s will was to make known to them the priceless glory which this mystery brings to the nations—the mystery of Christ in you, the hope of glory. This is the Christ we proclaim while we admonish everyone and teach them in the full measure of wisdom, hoping to make everyone complete in our Savior. For this I work and struggle, impelled by Christ’s own working, which is so powerful a force in me.

Reader: Having sat at your feet and listened,

All: help us put what we have heard into practice.

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 Luke, the tenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O God.

GOSPEL – Luke 10:38-42

As they traveled, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him to her home. She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at Jesus’ feet and listened to his words.

Martha, who was busy with all the details of hospitality, came to Jesus and said, “Rabbi, don’t you care that my sister has left me all alone to do the household tasks? Tell her to help me!”

Jesus replied, “Martha, Martha! You’re anxious and upset about so many things, but only a few things are necessary—really only one. Mary has chosen the better part, and she won’t be deprived of it.”

P: The Gospel, the good news of God.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME – Pastor Tim

Please Stand



HYMN – “Blessed Assurance” vs. 1,3

Favorite Hymn of Sharon Chu



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Be Seated

MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: We heard today of people who did not offer the things they ought to, especially to the most vulnerable among us.

All: Sometimes we offer what we think is best, only to realize that it isn't what you want us to give.

L: May we offer you now our very selves: our energy, our resources, and our time.

All: Help us reach the vulnerable; and enable this church to be a place of refuge, help, justice, love, and hospitality.

THANKFUL OFFERING



Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE – “Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring” vs. 1,3



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: Touch these gifts, O God,

All: with your manifold blessings.

L: Touch our very lives,

All: that we may be instruments of your hope.

L: May our gifts and our lives,

All: bring your healing, love, and compassion to a world in need. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need. Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire this worshiping community to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders. God of grace,

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: God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: Christ 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 Jesus, the Light of the World.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is a right, a good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give our thanks to you, for with you all things are possible. For you bring forth grain from the earth, and fruit from the vine.

All: You make the rain to fall in its season, and the sun to shine, giving light and warmth to all your creatures.

P: By your word, the trees give their fruit, the crops and grasses flourish,

All: and all your creatures grow in grace.

P: Holy are you, and holy is your child, Jesus Christ. When he saw the little children, he called them to him, laying his hands on them and blessing them. And so, with all creation 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.

*HOSANNA
in the highest!*

P: In Christ's grace, you renew and reclaim us as your holy people, children of mercy and truth. As children of your covenant of love, sealed by water and the Spirit, we come to you now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, renewing and reviving and rescuing the lives of his friends, his most faithful disciples, even as they faced their deepest fears and their greatest sins. On that night before his death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "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, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "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 these your life-giving acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as children of your covenant, renewed and redeemed by your grace, in union with Christ's love for us, as 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 gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

All: Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may become one with Christ, one with each other, and one in communion with you and with all the world.

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: Pour out the light of your Mighty Spirit on all of us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine.

All: Make them be for us the life and love of Christ, that we may be for the world your community of love and justice, redeemed by Christ's mercy and grace.

Be Seated

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.
If you need communion brought to you,
please let an usher know.

For communion at the altar rail:

You may come up the center aisle to the altar rail as space allows, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the wafer into. Then take a cup of grape juice (white) or wine (red) from the assistant, partake, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.

For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:

You may come to altar rail as above, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake. Or you may remain seated and partake of the communion kit you picked up at the entrance. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.

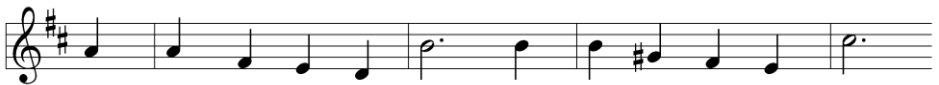
COMMUNION HYMN – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”
Favorite Hymn of Ellen Di Paola



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

COMMUNION HYMN – “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

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.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my 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 - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



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.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Creator God, bless this gift of bread with 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. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

COMMISSIONING

P: As we leave this place, may our lives be centered on God, and may our actions be examples of Christ's love and mercy.

All: We will go in peace to serve God's people.



Love. Grow. Serve.

SENDING HYMN – “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” vs. 1,3

Favorite Hymn of Michael Di Paola



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE – “Thy Word” – Myrna Emata Diaz

