

God's Work - Our Hands



Rally Day

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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.*

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

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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**

### **WELCOME**

Please Stand

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**All: And also with you.**

### **9/11 MEMORIAL PRAYER – by Jimmy Orr**

*P: On the morning of September 11 2001, 2,976 people from 93 nations lost their lives in New York, at the Pentagon, and on Flight 93. Today, we pause to remember that moment of horror and pray for those left scarred by those terrible events.*

*We remember the first time we heard the news. We recall the first time we saw those images. We remember the way our thoughts and prayers were with those families who lost loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today.*

L: O God of Comfort - though the years have passed, you are faithful still.

**All: Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and peace endure.**

*P: We remember those who survived. We recall their heart-breaking stories. We remember that their lives are forever scarred by those moments. Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today.*

L: O God of Healing - though the years have passed, you are faithful still.

**All: Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and peace endure.**

*P: We remember the pain we felt. We recall the bereavement and bitterness of the aftermath. We remember that you are a God of redemption and restoration. Help us forgive those who caused so much trauma, and that we may find release in that forgiveness.*

L: O God of forgiveness - though the years have passed, you are faithful still.

**All: Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and peace endure.**

*P: We remember that you love the world. We recall you sent your Son to bring reconciliation and salvation. We remember your Spirit inhabits your Church. Help us bring your comfort and peace to all.*

L: O God of hope - though the years have passed, you are faithful still.

**All: Yesterday, today and forever; let your love and peace endure.**

## SINGING BOWL

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and  
again.*

**All: Amen.**

*P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming  
power.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P: Source of all life,*

**All: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set  
us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We  
hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we  
expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward,  
rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us.  
Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to  
speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek  
the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

*P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and  
to empower our lives in the world.*

**All: Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional,  
and we are raised up as God's people who will  
always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

*Always Being Made New*

# CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Holy ground! We are standing on holy ground.

**All: For where God is, the ground is holy.**

L: Holy hands! God works through our hands,

**All: so they are holy.**

L: Holy words! God speaks through our words,

**All: so they become holy.**

L: Holy songs! God prays in our songs,

**All: so they are holy.**

L: Holy thoughts! God moves through our ideas and dreams,

**All: so they are holy. Therefore let us joyfully worship.**

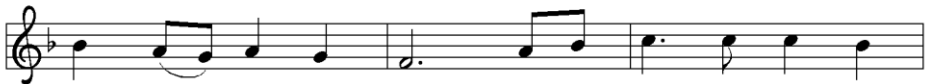
## OPENING HYMN – “All Are Welcome” vs. 1, 2



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## **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. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples,

**All: together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Be Seated

**CHOIR ANTHEM** – *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

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### WE LISTEN AND THINK

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Abiding Spirit, may our hearts be opened to the mystery of the gospel,

**All: that the Creator of life may be made known to all. Amen.**

Reader: The first reading is from Exodus, chapter thirty-two, beginning with the seventh verse.

## READING – *Exodus 32:7-14*

Yahweh said to Moses, “Go down, now! These people whom you led out of Egypt have corrupted themselves! In such a short time, they have turned from the way that I have given them, and made themselves a molten calf. Then they worshipped it and sacrificed to it saying, ‘Israel, here is your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!’”

Yahweh then said to Moses, “I look at these people—how stubborn they are! Now leave me to myself so that my anger may pour out on them, and destroy them! But you I’ll make into a great nation.”

Then Moses soothed the face of Yahweh, his God. “But why, my God, should you let your wrath pour out on these people whom you delivered from Egypt with great might, with a strong hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘Their God intended to destroy them all along, to kill them in the mountains, to erase them from the earth?’ Turn your back on your rage; reconsider the disaster you intended for your people. Do not forget Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca and Isaac, and Leah and Rachel and Jacob, your chosen ones, to whom you promised, ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; I will give to you all this land which I have promised—I will give it to your descendants, and they will enjoy its inheritance forever.’”

So Yahweh relented, and the disaster that threatened the Israelites was forestalled.

Reader: Our God is the source of wisdom and understanding.

**All: Bless us with your gifts, O God.**

Reader: Our God feeds us with the bread of life and the wellspring of our salvation.

**All: Bless us with your grace, Christ Jesus.**

Reader: Our God is the foundation of mercy and compassion.

**All: Bless us with your gifts, Mighty Spirit.**

Please Stand

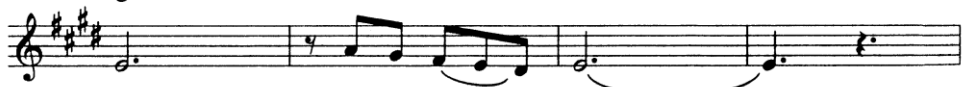
### ALLELUIA VERSE



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 Luke, the fifteenth chapter.*

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL – Luke 15:1-10**

Meanwhile, the tax collectors and the “sinners” were all gathering around Jesus to listen to his teaching, at which the Pharisees and the religious scholars murmured, “This person welcomes sinners and eats with them!”

Jesus then addressed this parable to them: “Who among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, doesn’t leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and search for the lost one until it’s found? And finding it, you put the sheep on your shoulders in jubilation. Once home, you invite friends and neighbors in and say to them, ‘Rejoice with me! I’ve found my lost sheep!’ I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repent.

“What householder, who has ten silver pieces and loses one, doesn’t light a lamp and sweep the house in a diligent search until she finds what she had lost? And when it is found, the householder calls in her friends and neighbors and says, ‘Rejoice with me! I’ve found the silver piece I lost!’ I tell you, there will be the same kind of joy before the angels of God over one repentant sinner.”

*P: The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

Be Seated

### **CHILDREN’S TIME**



**Blessing of Backpacks and Briefcases**





# Presentation of Bibles

Edith Bartlett  
Anna Krusius  
Abigail Wicke



## Installation of Christian Educators



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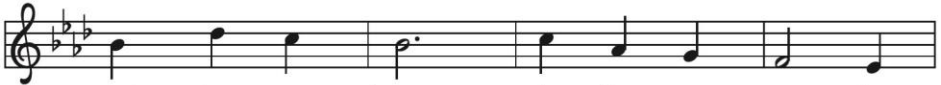
### HYMN – “God’s Work, Our Hands” vs. 1, 2



1 God’s work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God’s work, our feet: trav - ’ling to - geth - er,



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - ’ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God’s fu - ture the goal.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

# Be Seated

## REFLECTION . . . *Pastor Tim*

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### WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

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#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

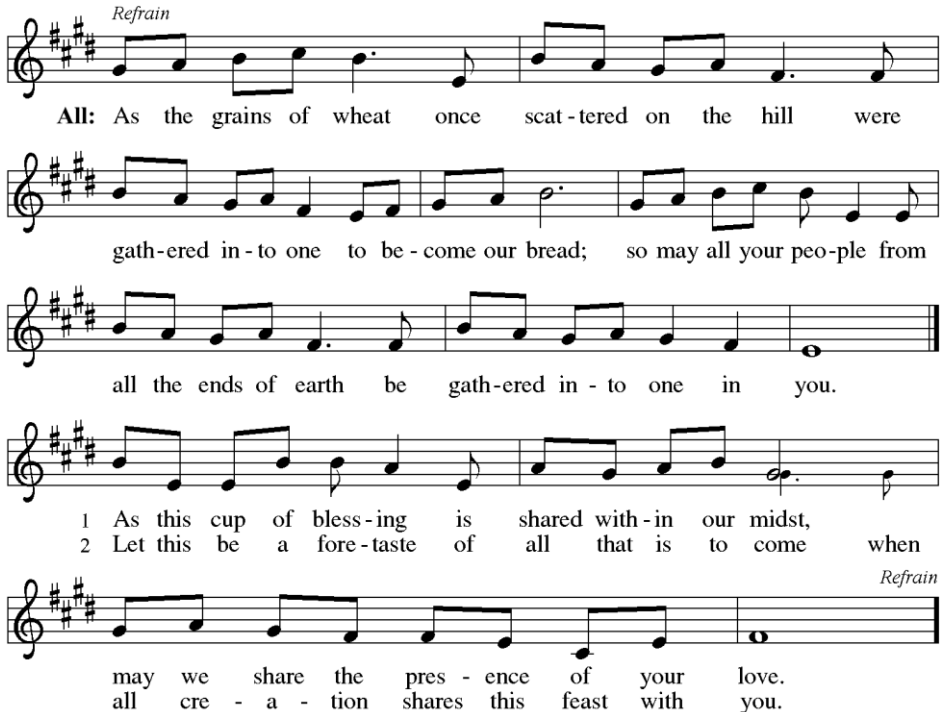
**All:** In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. In gratitude for God's generosity, let us share God's abundance with one another.

#### 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: Loving God, receive these gifts of our hands and with them our lives and the life of your church.

**All: Transform us in service to you and all you have made, and draw us always near to you through Jesus Christ, who leads us to new life. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation. Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

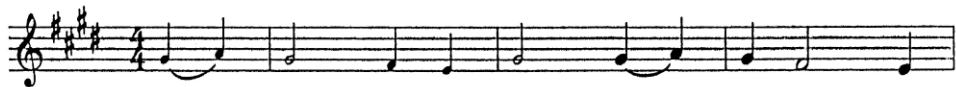
L: God of grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

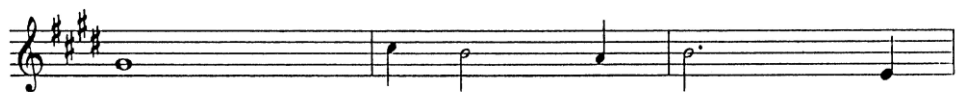
L: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

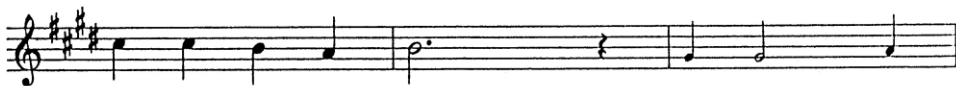
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



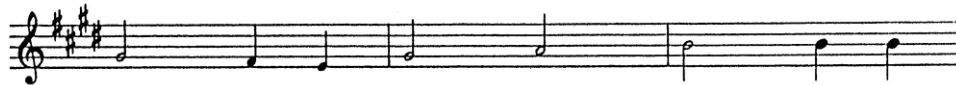
L: The Lord be with you. All: And al - so with



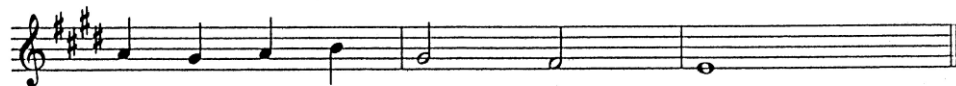
you. L: Lift up your hearts. All: We



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.

## EUCCHARISTIC 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: 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.**

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

**All:** and make us one with you.

Be Seated

## THE LAMB OF GOD

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.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

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

### **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 – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



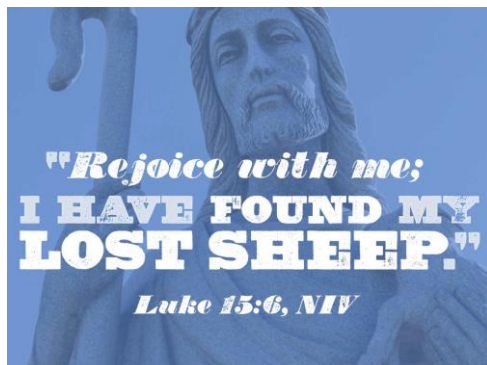
fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.





# COMMUNION HYMN – “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

## Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!”  
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

## SINGING BOWL

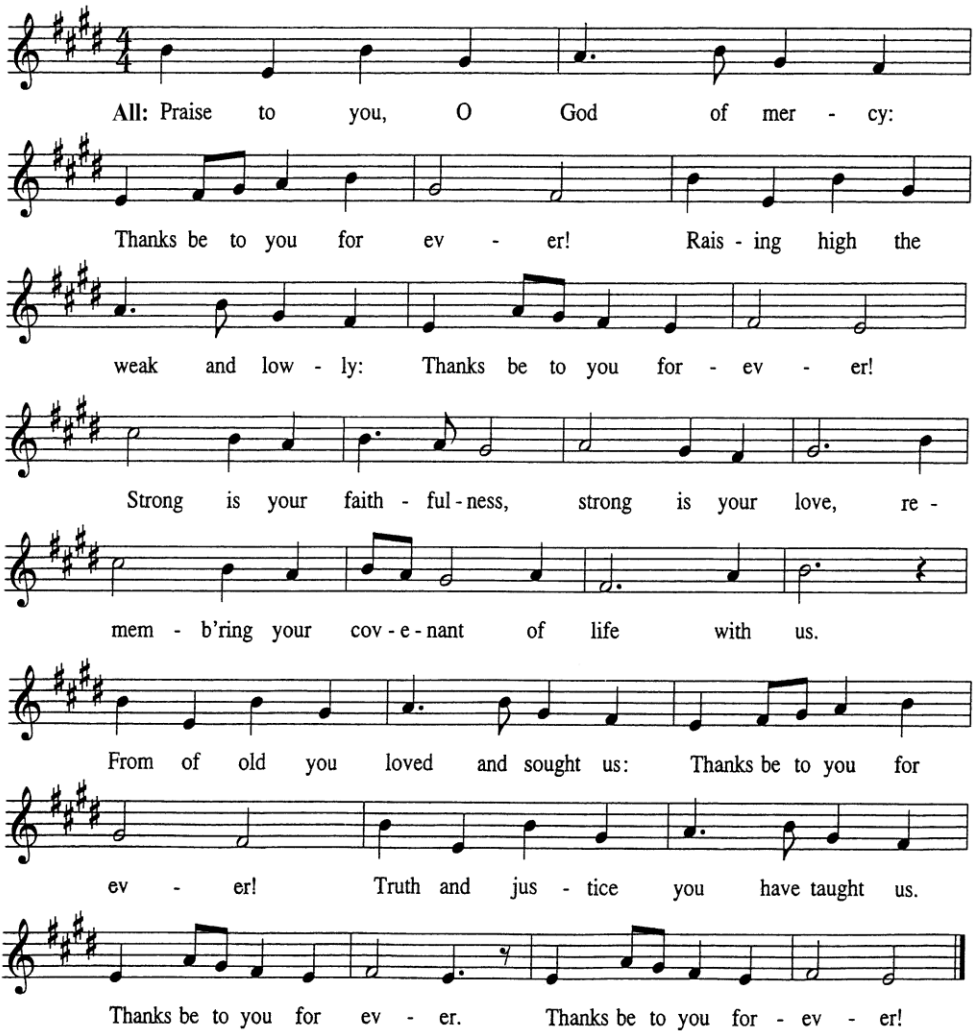
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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*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.**

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**WE CARRY GOD'S CARING LOVE TO  
THE WORLD**

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**COMMISSIONING**

*P: Children of God, both our work and our rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?*

**All: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

*P: Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit us your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ.*

**All: Look with favor upon us in our commitment to serve in Christ's name.**

*P: Give us courage, patience, and vision;*

**All: and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**



# SENDING OUT – “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” vs. 1,4



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot-steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.



## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Welcome all!

All: We will. Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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