

**"See, I am  
sending  
you out  
like  
sheep**



**into the  
midst of  
wolves;**



**so be wise as  
serpents**

**and innocent as  
doves."**

Matthew 10:16



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Welcome! Enter with Prayer, Worship in Awe, Leave to Serve.

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

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## **WELCOME TO THE STORY**

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*Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.*

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### **A Story that Invites Us**

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## **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**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**All: And also with you.**

Please Stand

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*P: Ever-present, ever-listening, and ever-empowering God,*

**All: we often fall short when responding to your love.**

*P: You promise us blessings,*

**All: yet we often laugh in cynicism and disbelief.**

*P: You always love us,*

**All: yet we often act distant and even hostile.**

*P: You empower us to be your loving presence,*

**All: yet we often seek this power for ourselves.**

*P: We call upon you now,*

**All: knowing that you hear our voices and our supplications.**

*P: We call upon you in this place,*

**All: knowing that no accomplishment is too wonderful for you to accomplish.**

*P: For there is no limit to your love for all people,*

**All: and there is no end to your mercy.**

*P: In Jesus's name, we pray.*

**All: Amen.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: People of God, run to our welcoming God.

**All: Holy One, you never pass us by.**

L: People of God, proclaim our love for the God of Love.

**All: Beloved One, you hear our voices; you answer our cries and receive our praise.**

L: People of God, sing God's good news to the world.

**All: Empowering One, you give us power to be signs of the kingdom of heaven.**

## OPENING HYMN: "We All Are One in Mission" vs. 1,2



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.

## INVOCATION

*P:* People of God, the Holy Spirit pours God's love into our hearts.

**All:** In Jesus Christ, we share the grace and glory of God.  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

## KYRIE ELEISON



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*



All: Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
O Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you  
for your glo - ry. *Refrain* 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

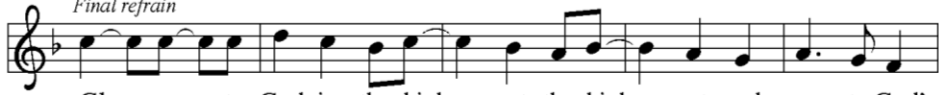


Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



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 -



## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:** God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself.

**All:** **Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Be Seated

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## **The Story that Shapes and Forms Us**

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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD**

**Reader:** Today's reading is from Exodus, chapter nineteen, beginning with the second verse.

**READING:** *Exodus 19:2-8a*

[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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 Matthew, the ninth chapter.

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

## GOSPEL: *Matthew 9:35-10:23*

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother



John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 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. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

*P: The Gospel, the good news of God.*

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

Be Seated

## **A LITANY FOR MEN OF FAITH**

*P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. We give thanks to you for all the men of faith of all races and cultures who have done your will throughout the ages.*

**All: We thank you for Abraham, the father of Israel, Moses the deliverer, Samuel the judge, David the King and for the Old Testament prophets such as Isaiah and the New Testament prophets such as Simeon, Lucius of Cyrene and prophets in Antioch.**

*L: We are thankful for Joseph, husband of Mary and guardian of our Lord.*

**All: And for all who down through the ages have kept the faith with integrity and certitude, we thank you God for our ancestors.**

*P: Mindful of the witness of men of faith down through the centuries, we ask your blessing upon the faithful men of this congregation, our brothers and friends, our spouses and sons, our grandfathers, fathers, and uncles.*

**All: Bless them and all men who place their trust in you. Empower them to hold fast their faith and reject all that is evil.**

*L: Especially this day we pray for strength and encouragement for men that they may love their families as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.*

**All: May they not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of their minds, so that they may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

*P: Gracious Lord, we praise You that in your great wisdom you have planned for us that we may experience the joy of all men, women and children.*

**All: To live together.**

L: To play together.

**All: To work together. To rejoice together. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME:** Pastor Barbara

Please Stand

**HYMN:** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" vs. 1,2

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:

*Refrain*  
With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Be Seated

**MESSAGE:** Pastor Barbara

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## A Story that Feeds Us

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### INVITATION TO OFFERING

**L:** All things work together for good for those who love God, and are called according to God's purposes.

**All:** **Let us approach God's kingdom as a treasure hidden in a field, joyfully selling all we have to buy this field.**

**L:** Let us see God's kingdom as a pearl of great value, gratefully trading our worldly possessions for this one great prize.

**All:** **Let us give back to God, as those who are offered God's very kingdom.**

### 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:** Generous God, you are always with us, always caring for us, always drawing us together. We are so grateful for your loving presence.

**All:** **We bring our gifts before you today, that this offering may reach out in love to your people everywhere. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

L: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need. For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore lands ruined by pollution or misuse. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who are sick. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Compassionate God, you are with us and we are never alone. Bless all fathers and father figures who strive to love and nurture as you do. Comfort all who long to be fathers and all for whom this day is difficult. God, 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: God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayers.**

L: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: God is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts

All: **We lift them to God.**

L: Let us give thanks to our 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:** Maker of seed and harvest, Spirit of story and parable, Giver of new life, we praise your holy, eternal, loving name. 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

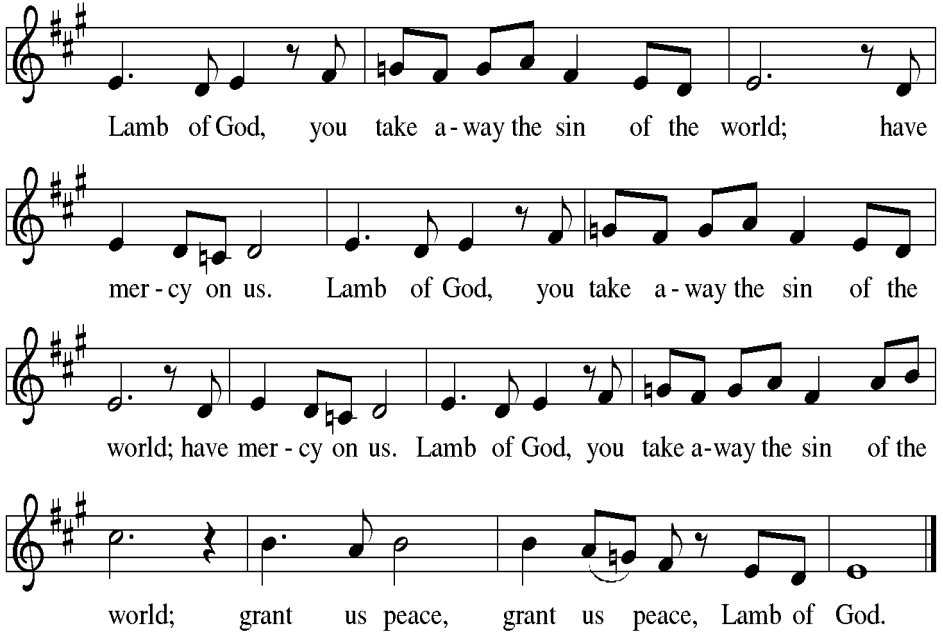
*P:* Everyone who hungers, come to the table.

**All:** We will eat what is good, that we may live.

## Be Seated

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.

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 when directed by the ushers, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host 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 the altar rail as above, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.

### COMMUNION HYMN: “Children of the Heavenly Father”



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest-ling bird or star in heav - en such a ref - uge ne'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

### COMMUNION HYMN: “In Christ Called to Baptize”



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

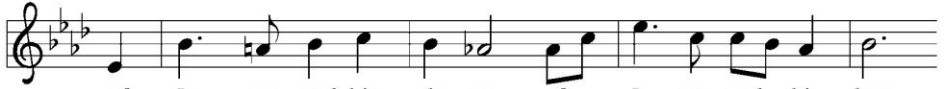


then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

## COMMUNION HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story"



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*P:* Creator God, bless this gift of bread with the yeast of 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

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**A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve**

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## **COMMISSIONING**

*P: Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, filled with faith and hope.*

**All: We go forth in the love of God to proclaim the love of Christ.**



## SENDING OUT – “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” vs. 1,2



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 - flec - tion 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. Serve God.

All: Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

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All are invited to a Father's Day Barbecue  
following the service.



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