

*Those who
eat my
flesh and
drink my
blood have
eternal life,
and I will
raise them
up on the
last day ...*

John 6:54, 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

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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: “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

Liturgical Dance – Karen Narveson

WELCOME

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: As we seek God’s wisdom and guidance, let us share signs of fellowship and peace with one another this day. 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: Merciful God, buffeted by the winds of life,

All: we have grown weary and yearn for your hand to hold us.

P: Pour forth your words of peace, and bring us back to life.

All: Forgive us when we are heedless to the needs of others.

P: Correct our ways when we are self-centered and neglect the poor and powerless.

All: Be our vision when we seek refuge in our wealth and possessions.

P: Draw us to you, Holy One,

All: and lead us into life. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

P: Hear the good news: In Christ, we are united and reconciled with God.

All: We will rejoice in the knowledge that we receive forgiveness and abundant life in God's name.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth, God's wisdom calls us here.

All: Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance, Christ's love shows us the way.

L: Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise,

All: the Spirit's presence gathers us together.

OPENING HYMN: "Morning Has Broken" vs. 1-3

Favorite Hymn of Kathy Miedema



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

INVOCATION

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Blow through our lives

All: with the breath of life.

P: Blow through our church

All: with the power of Wisdom, new dreams and visions.

P: Blow through our world

All: with the promise of hope, peace, and love.

P: Work in us now,

All: that we may be your new creation. Amen.

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.

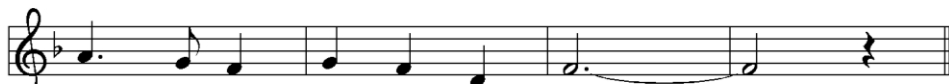
All: (Refrain)

HYMN OF PRAISE: "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



for your glo - ry.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high-



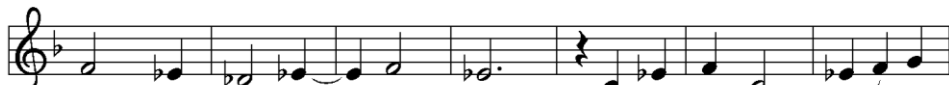
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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

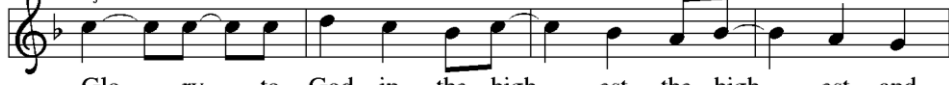


world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world.

All: **Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through 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 Proverbs, chapter nine, beginning with the first verse.

FIRST READING: *Proverbs 9:1-6*

Wisdom has built her house;

she has set up her seven pillars.

She has prepared her food, decanted her wine,
and set her table.

She has sent out her household staff to call
from a spot overlooking the city.

“Whoever wants enlightenment, step this way!” she says,
inviting all who lack common sense.

“Come, eat my bread and drink the wine
which I have prepared for you.

Abandon your foolishness that you may live,
and walk the path of understanding!”

R: Here ends the reading.

The second reading is from Ephesians, chapter five,
beginning with the fifteenth verse.

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 5:15-20*

Keep careful watch over your conduct. Don't act like fools, but like wise and thoughtful people. Make the most of your time, for these are evil days. Don't continue in ignorance, but try to discern the will of God. Avoid getting drunk on wine—that is debauchery! Instead be filled with the Spirit, meditating on psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making music to God in your hearts. Always give thanks to Abba God for everything, in the name of Jesus our Messiah.

R: Here ends the reading.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

R: Wisdom is a gift from God.

All: God, grant us wisdom.

R: Understanding flows from the heart of Christ.

All: Christ, grant us understanding.

R: Life is a blessing from the Spirit.

All: Holy Spirit, grant us life eternal.

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 John, the sixth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O God.

GOSPEL: *John 6:51-58 Inclusive*

[Jesus said,] “I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If any eat this bread, they will live forever; the bread I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Temple authorities then began to argue with one another. “How can he give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus replied, “The truth of the matter is, if you don’t eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Chosen One, you won’t have life in you. Those who do eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Everyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I live in them. Just as the living Abba God sent me and I have life because of Abba God, so those who feed on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. It’s not the kind of bread your ancestors ate, for they died; whoever eats this kind of bread will live forever.”

P: The Gospel, the good news of God.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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CHILDREN’S TIME – Pastor Tim



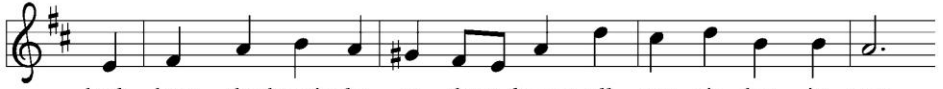
Please Stand

HYMN: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” vs. 1,3,4

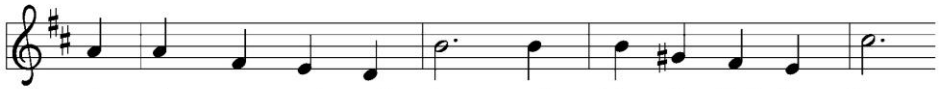
Favorite Hymn of Ellen Di Paola



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
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.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
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,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
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.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Be Seated

MESSAGE – Pastor Tim

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: We see God’s work in acts of honesty and justice. We touch God’s covenant in moments of mercy and compassion.

All: Let us be God’s instruments in the world, as we collect today’s offering.

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: God of wisdom and understanding, your blessings surround us each day.

All: We thank you for inspiring our actions and feeding our creativity.

L: We praise you for warming our hearts and enlightening our minds.

All: May these gifts go forth into your world and be bread and blessing to those in need. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible.
Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Merciful God,

All: receive 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: Our Creator is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to our Creator.

L: Let us give thanks to our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

P: Lifegiving God, your word speaks in the void, calling into being things that are not, inviting us to share your work of creation.

All: We thank you for the ages long; of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder.

P: We thank you for the creatures with whom we share the world; for their lives so different from our own

All: and the richness they reveal.

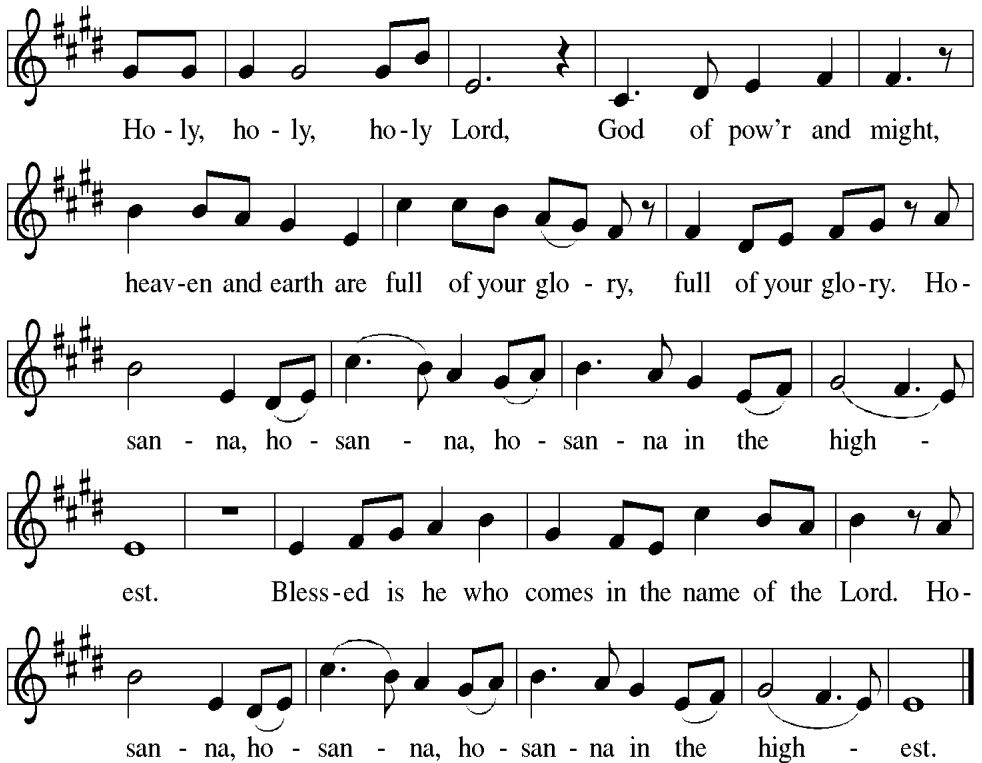
P: We thank you for our Redeemer, formed from Mary's flesh and nurtured by her faith; he walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom of bird and lily,

All: child and stranger, the beggar and the blind.

P: On the cross, he joined the labor of all creation's yearning; in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of God;

All: he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

P: Therefore, with all that has life through him; with animals and angels and all who hope for a new creation, we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity:



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.

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME, YOUR KINGDOM
COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS
DAILY BREAD AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AS WE ALSO
HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS AND REFUSE THEM NO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE, FOR THE KINGDOM, THE
POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.
The Lord's Prayer

FRACTION RITE

P: Come to the table of grace. Come to taste the bread of heaven.

All: We come to see that God is good.

P: Come to receive God's blessings

All: and know that our lives are restored.

P: Come to the table of grace;

All: for here we are fed with the bread that satisfies our need for mercy;

P: here we partake of the wine that quenches

All: our thirst for love and forgiveness.

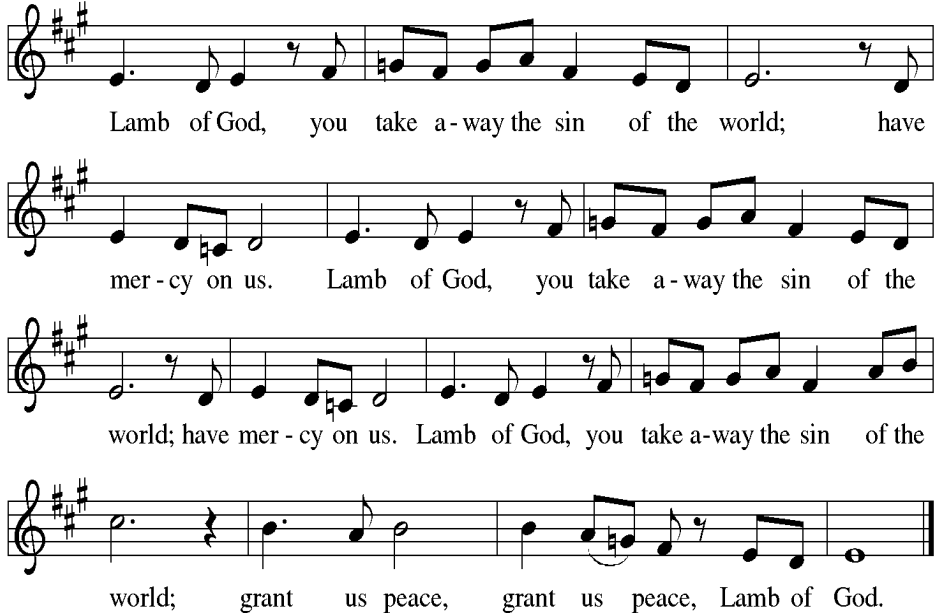
P: Come to the table of grace,

All: for all are welcome here.

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.

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: "Be Thou My Vision"

Favorite Hymn of Rick Koski



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Favorite Hymn of Sharon Chu and Krista Lanzarotta



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
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.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
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.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
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.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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: God sends us forth with wisdom and understanding.

All: We go to be a blessing to the world.

P: God sends us forth to be honest and just.

All: We go to be a blessing to the world.

Blessed
to Be a
Blessing



SENDING HYMN: "Joy to the World" vs. 1,2,4

Favorite Hymn of Lin Zuidema



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive its King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



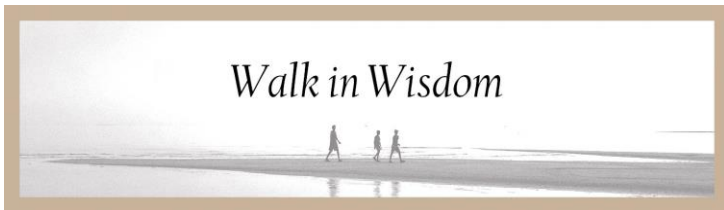
sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

DISMISSAL

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



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