Third Sunday of Easter May 5, 2019



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Immediate concerns

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Moving Through Grief

The Lecker Family (mourning the loss of Jan Lecker)
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The Harper Family (mourning the loss of Don and Marge Harper)
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The Pfingston Family (mourning the loss of Rita Pfingston)
The Saeger Family (mourning the loss of Laura Saeger)
The Darland Family (mourning the loss of Randy Darland)

Homebound and Care Centers

Betty Schroeder (home) Donna Hesse (The Springs) Eleanor Zoellner (home)

Please Remember Those Who Are in the Armed Forces

Colonel Heidi Otis, U.S. Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso TX (Verne and Ellen Schoeneman's daughter)
Marine Sergeant Matthew Jacobs, Twenty Nine Palms, CA (Mike and Gwen Jacob's son)
Lt. Mark Phillips, U.S.S. America, Busan, South Korea, U.S. Navy (Susan Phillip's son)
Tim Phillips, U.S. Army, Saudi Arabia (Susan Phillips' husband)
Staff Sergeant Paul Sandstrom, Fort George Mead, MD. (Sandstrom family)
Skylar and Sarah Pechac, Air Force (Ersland's nephew)
Sgt. Becky McCartney, RAF Mildenhall, England (Kay McCartney's granddaughter)
Capt. Brandon Grone, Vandenberg AFB, California (Marge Harper's grandson)
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Adam Endemano, U.S. Army Ft. Carson, CO (June Larson's grandson)
Tres Logan, U.S. Navy, U.S.S. Kearsarge (Debbie Nelson's son in law)

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Prelude

*Welcome and Prayer

Music by Raising Faith

Opening Litany

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- C: God hears us in our fear and our rejoicing
- L: Where there was no way
- C: God leads us in a new way
- L: Where there was no mercy
- C: God surprises us with fresh mercy
- L: Where there was weeping
- C: God invites us to step into a new dance.
- L: Let us pray.
- C: Gracious God, You are the healer. You are the One who makes bodies whole, who mends marriages, who binds up broken hearts. You are the One who defines wholeness and who gives it as a gift. Dear Lord, continue to heal me where I am broken. You see those places, Lord, even when I don't see them. Make me the whole person You have created and saved me to be. Yet I know, Lord, that full healing doesn't come in this life. I look forward to the time when I shall stand before You completed, made perfect through Your grace. In the meanwhile, may I discover more of Your wholeness each day. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Baptismal Birthday Milestone

Announcements

First Reading: Psalm 30

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. ²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. ⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. ⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." ¹By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. ⁶To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: ⁰"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? ¹ºHear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!" ¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, ¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

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Gospel: John 21: 1-19

'After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. 15When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." 19(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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Message Rewind Audrey Cox

Music by Raising Faith

Offering

Prayers of the Community

The Celebration of Holy Communion

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Distribution: All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If Communion will be received by **Intinction:** Please take the wafer and dip in either the chalice of wine or the chalice of grape juice. Or if by **Cups,** Proceed to the altar at the direction of the ushers. After you receive the bread and the wine or grape juice, you may return to your seat when you are ready. Those who do not yet (Or do not wish to) receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

Music by Raising Faith

Dismissal

Postlude

Please join us in Gangsei Hall for coffee and fellowship!



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Prelude Calling Jim Brickman

*Welcome and Prayer

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

ELW# 532

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion

lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Mother's Day Litany

- L: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!
- C: Thank God for mothers!
- L: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.
- C: Thank God for my mother!
- L: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth
- C: Thank God for the mothers of the past.
- L: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.
- C: Thank God for the mothers of today.
- L: For all the women who are expecting but aren't quite mothers yet!
- C: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.
- L: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.
- C: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.
- L: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.
- C: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.
- L: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own but chose instead to give their love to others.
- C: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.
- L: We thank you, Lord...
- C: for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. Thank you for expressing your love through so many amazing people. Amen.

Video Interlude

Children's Message

Announcements

First Reading: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Leven though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

L: This is the Word of Life.

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Gospel: John 10: 22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

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Message The Voice Pastor Rick Sherrill

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We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.

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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

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Prayers of the Community

Offering

Offering Special Music Praise to the Lord the Almighty arr. Kevin McChesney POP Adult Bells

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Hymn During Distribution Blessed Assurance

ELW# 638

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain

Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

Dismissal

Closing Hymn

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW# 860

Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

Postlude

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Wednesday Morning, May 22 @ 9:30am in the choir room.

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All are welcome.

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10:30 a.m. Fellowship, Gangsei

10:45 a.m. H.S. Youth End of Year Party

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Monday, May 20

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Wednesday, May 22

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Thursday, May 23

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May 19, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:30 a.m.
"Worship, Connect, Serve"

Welcome to Worship At Prince of Peace

"Worship, Connect, Serve"

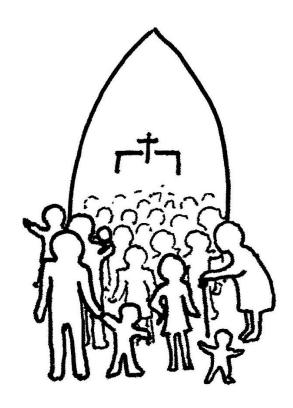
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Prelude

Joyful, Joyful Allen Quie Bish

*Welcome and Prayer



Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;

lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.



Page Two

Litany

L: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

C: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come before God with thanksgiving—

C: with music and song!

L: It is good to sing praise to You,

C: and make music to Your name, O Most High;

L: to proclaim Your love in the morning

C: and Your faithfulness at night.

L: For You make us glad by Your deeds, O God;

C: we sing for joy at the work of Your hands.

Prayer of the Day

O God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship: Pour out your Spirit on your servants who, with the gift of music, enliven our praises and proclaim your word with power. Through this ministry give us awareness of your beauty and grace and join our voices with all the choirs of heaven, both now and forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Special Music

Jesus Loves Me

arranged by Kraft

Piano Trio: Dena Welch-Rowland, Lana Rowland, Lynne McGinley



First Reading: Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

L: This is the Word of Life.

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Special Music

This Little Light of Mine

arranged by Thompson

POP Handbells

Gospel: Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Homily/Video

Lean On Me

Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets, Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

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Old Church Choir POP Singers by Zach Williams

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Children's Time

Dedication of Infant and Toddler Care Center

Closing Hymn

Joyful, We Adore Thee

ELW# 836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

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Postlude

Praise to the Lord Allen Quie Manz

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Monday, May 27

Memorial Day- Church office & Pres Closed

Tuesday, May 28

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Opening Hymn

The Day of Resurrection!

ELW# 361

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Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain. Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin, the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son, all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Samuel David Pierce Violet Mae Pierce Austin Edward Pierce

Born: March 1, 2014 **Born:** June 14, 2010 **Born:** September 17, 2007

Parents: Phillip and Lauren Pierce

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and

earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

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the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection

of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcoming Statement

People: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission

we share: Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.



Children's Message

Announcements

First Reading: Psalm 67

1May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah 2that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. 3Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. 4Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah 5Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. 6The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. 7May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

L: This is the Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 5: 1-9

1After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.2Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. 3In these lay many invalids — blind, lame, and paralyzed. 5One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. 6When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" 7The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." 8Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." 9At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

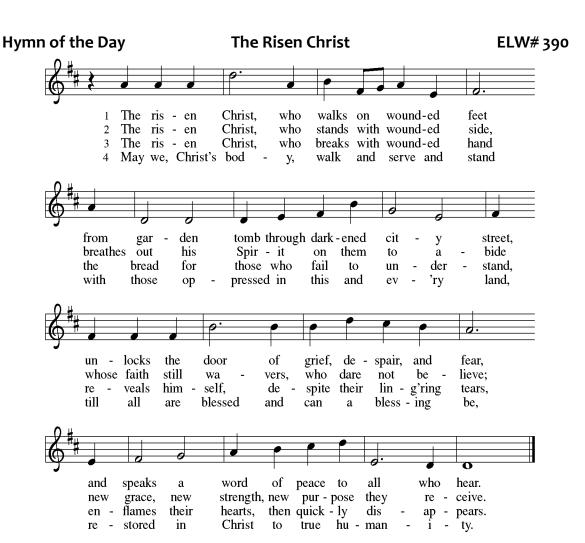
L: This is the Gospel of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Message

Diving in the Deep End

Pastor Rick Sherrill



Passing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Special Music

Prayers of the Community

The Celebration of Holy Communion

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Distribution: All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If Communion will be received by **Intinction:** Please take the wafer and dip in either the chalice of wine or the chalice of grape juice. Or if by **Cups**, Proceed to the altar at the direction of the ushers. After you receive the bread and the wine or grape juice, you may return to your seat when you are ready. Those who do not yet (Or do not wish to) receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

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Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

ELW# 890

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:

his truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!

Our God is marching on. Refrain

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me. As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Postlude

Please stop by Arcadia Room 12 for coffee and fellowship as Gangsei Hall Gym is closed for maintenance.





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