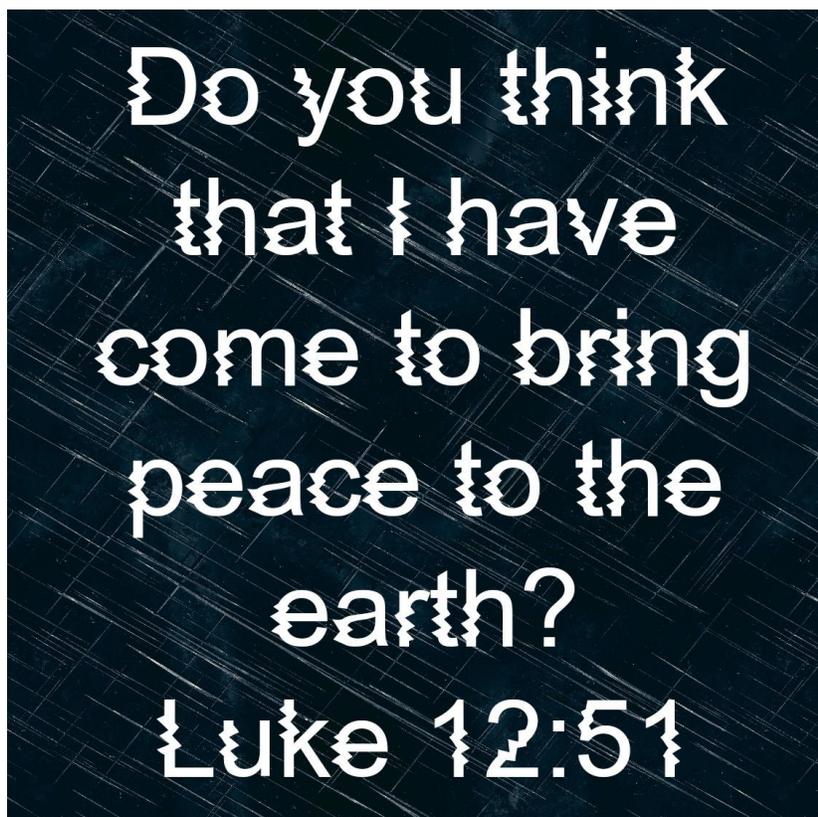


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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Give Me Jesus”

Heidi Sack, soloist

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

(WOV p. 10-11, left side)

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God,

To whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*ENTRANCE HYMN

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

WOV #802

GREETING**(WOV p. 28)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also, with you.**

KYRIE*(WOV p. 28)*****HYMN OF PRAISE****(WOV pp. 29-30)*****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray,

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:**JEREMIAH 23:23-29**

²³Am I a God nearby, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD.

²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?

²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹God stands to charge the divine coun-¹ cil assembled, giving judgment in the midst¹ of the gods:

²**“How long will you¹ judge unjustly, and show favor¹ to the wicked?**

³Save the weak¹ and the orphan; defend the hum-¹ ble and needy;
⁴**rescue the weak¹ and the poor; deliver them from the power¹ of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a-¹ bout in darkness; all the foundations of the¹ earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you,¹ ‘You are gods, and all of you children of¹ the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall¹ die like mortals, and fall like¹ any prince.’”

⁸**Arise, O God, and¹ rule the earth, for you shall take all nations¹ for your own.**

SECOND READING**HEBREWS 11: 29--12:2**

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL READING**

LUKE 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“All My Hope on God is Founded”

WOV #782

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

(WOV p. 33)

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

A: Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by discrimination. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Arise, O God, and sustain this congregation. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

* PEACE

OFFERING *"He's Always Been Faithful to Me"* composed by Sara Growes CCLI#3420720

OFFERING PRAYER

(WOV p. 35, left side)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(WOV p. 36)

HOLY, HOLY

(WOV p. 36)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(WOV p. 37, right side)

LORD'S PRAYER

(WOV p. 39, left side)

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

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

(WOV p. 39)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(WOV p. 40)

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

(WOV p. 41)

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

WOV #723

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Participants

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Rita Augsburg
Assisting Minister	Bill Fitzgerrel
Coordinator of Music and Technology/Organist/Handbells	Rick Strine
Technical Director	Jeremy Hahn
Audio/Visual	Mike Reynolds & family / Dan Lynch
Greeters	John & Lin Malachowski / Molly Berry / Dan Lynch
Check-In	Mary Jo Rowley / Kris Sites
Money Counters	Larry Haab / Sheryl Brilley
Flowers	Carol Dellert – In Memory of Jim
Guest Soloist	Heidi Sack

Prayer Requests

Matt Andrews and Family, Brian Bauer, Linda Bauer,
Dennis Cox, David Fyke, Paul Kopetz, Matthew Long, Jackie Murphy, Braden Paulson,
Carolyn Renton, Susan Braden Scott, Mel Weinstein

*If you'd like to add someone to the Prayer Request list,
please contact the office or Pastor Rita.*