August 28, 2022 Liturgy

**GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP**

**God’s Welcome**

**God Calls Us to Worship**

*(Psalm 5:11)*let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, so that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

**Songs of Praise and Worship:**

**Come Christians Join to Sing**(LUYH 599)

Come, Christians, join to sing, alleluia, amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; alleluia, amen!
Let all with heart and voice before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: alleluia, amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; alleluia, amen!
Let praises fill the sky; alleluia, amen!
Christ is our guide and friend; to us he’ll condescend;
his love shall never end; alleluia, amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; alleluia, amen!
Life shall not end the strain; alleluia, amen!
On heaven’s blissful shore his goodness we’ll adore,
singing forevermore, alleluia, amen!

**Psalm 5:7,8** Because of your great love I can come into your house. With deep respect I bow down toward your holy temple. Lord, I have many enemies. Lead me in your right path. Make your way smooth and straight for me.

**Jesus is our King**(LUYH 602)

*Alleluia! Alleluia Opening our hearts to him, singing
alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King!*

Create in us, O God, a humble heart that sets us free
to proclaim the wondrous majesty of our Father in heaven.

We bear the name of Christ. Justified, we meet with him.
His words and presence calm our fear, revealing God, our Father, here.

Let kindred voices join, honoring the Lamb of God,
who teaches us by bread and wine the mystery of his body.

Pour out your Spirit on us, empowering us to live as one,
to carry your redeeming love to a world enslaved by sin.

**Psalm 5:1,2** Listen to my words, O Lord; attend to my sighing. Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray. O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you and watch.

**Send Us Your Spirit** (LUYH 228)

*Refrain:*

*Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth.*

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Come to us, Spirit of God; breathe in us now, we sing together.

Spirit of hope and of light, fill our lives; come to us, Spirit of God.

Fill us with the fire of your love; burn in us now; bring us together.
Come to us, dwell in us, change our lives, O Lord; come to us, Spirit of God.

Send us the wings of new birth; fill all the earth with the love you have taught us.

Let all creation now be shaken with love; come to us, Spirit of God.

**Responsive Call to Confession:**

One: The proof of God’s amazing love is this:
All: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
One: Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let’s come clean with God about our mistakes and our need for God’s grace.

**Prayer of Confession:**

Let us pray. God, we are busy people. We need reminders. We need help remembering what is important. In this time of silent confession, we will try to slow down our thoughts and be present with you, Loving God. If something needs to be confessed, we will silently share it, God, and then continue in silence. We will be still and be with our God.

(a time of silent prayer)

God, silence is hard. Confession is hard. Faithful God, you stay with us through all the difficult parts of life. You have heard our confession and been with us in our silent prayers. For your faithfulness and love, we are grateful. Amen.

Our good news is this-The steadfast love of God never ceases. God’s mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is God’s faithfulness. *(Lamentations 3: 22-23)*

**GOD GIVES US HIS WORD**

**Message:** “Acts of the Spirit: Free”

**Scripture:** Acts 12:1-23

**Songs of Response:**

**Holy Spirit Living Breath of God** (LUYH 746)

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.

Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;

give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do.

Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made,

show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,

that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

**Freedom Reigns**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom
Lift your eyes to heaven there is freedom
Lift your eyes to heaven there is freedom

Freedom reigns in this place, showers of mercy and grace
Falling on ev'ry face, there is freedom

If you're tired and thirsty, there is freedom
If you're tired and thirsty, there is freedom
Give your all to Jesus, there is freedom
Give your all to Jesus, there is freedom

Jesus reigns in this place, showers of mercy and grace
Falling on ev'ry face, there is freedom - there is freedom

**Celebration of Lord’s Supper**

**GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE**

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering:** World Renew – Ukrainian Response
**Benediction
Benediction Song:**

**Glory Be to the Father** (LUYH 961)

Glory be to the Father – and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning – is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen. Amen.