Welcome to Worship
Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell
(Please Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✞ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✞ Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hymn #818 “O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

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

C: And also with you.
L: Let us pray

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading
Exodus 20: 1—17

R: Word of God, Word of Life. 
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm
Psalm 19

Refrain:

Ps 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Ps 19:2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

Ps 19:3 There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Refrain:

Ps 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

Ps 19:8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

Ps 19:9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.

Refrain:
**Ps 19:11** By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**Ps 19:13** Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

**Ps 19:14** May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Refrain:

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18—25  Pg. 1772

R: Word of God. Word of life.  
C: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

(Please rise for the Gospel)

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel is announced, we sing

The Gospel according to John, the second chapter.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Reading John 2: 13—22  Pg. 1649

(After the reading of the Gospel, we sing)
Hymn # 723 “Canticle of the Turning ”

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
   creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
   who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
   born of the virgin Mary,
   suffered under Pontius Pilate,
   was crucified, died, and was buried;
   he descended to the dead.*
   On the third day he rose again;
   he ascended into heaven,
   he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
   and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
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.

The Prayers

L: . . . Hear us, O God,                      C: Your mercy is great.
Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you!
L: You may share the peace with one another.

Offering

Offering Hymn #759 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” vs. 1—3

(As the last verse is sung, please stand as the offering is brought forward.)
L: Let us pray,

All: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

MEAL

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Eucharistic Prayer
Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
**Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.**  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
**Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.**  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
**Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.**  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.
With this bread and cup we remember our Lord’s Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**
**Christ is risen.**
**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine

**Bless this feast.**
Grace our table with your presence.
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
**Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.**
Breathe new life into us and send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, **With the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,**
We praise you O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
**Amen.**

P: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray…

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.** Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invocation to Communion
P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!
Communion Hymns

Hymn #800 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
Hymn #473 “Holy, Holy, Holy” (3 times)

Blessing
P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Prayer after Communion
P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

Benediction
P: Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

Hymn # 803 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

L: Go in peace. Share your bread.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude
Our thanks to those who serve as our worship leaders::

Our Reader—
Our Liturgist—Don Gillett
Organist—Ed Workmon
Music Accompanist—Doris Menke
Hand Bell Director—Wendy Kuenemann
Transitional Pastor—Rev. Kristine Franke Hill