

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## GREETING:

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: ELW 157 (*Tempe Only*)

Leader  
Em D/E C/E Am<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em D

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly  
Lord, have mer - cy,

3rd time to Coda  
C D Am<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em D/E C/E

For the reign of God, and for  
For your peo - ple here who have

Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Am<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em D/E C/E Am<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup>

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Coda  
Em D/E C/E Bm<sup>7</sup> A Am<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> E

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

cy. A - men.

## OPENING PRAYER:

God, our Guardian,  
**we lift our eyes to you. Watch over us today  
and keep us safe in your loving care.  
Help us trust that you will guide our steps  
and guard our coming and going, now and always.  
Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG: Your Grace is Enough

### Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

### Pre-Chorus

(So) remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

### Chorus 1

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

### Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

### Chorus 2

Yeah Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I sing Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me for me

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Sat 5pm Tempe: **NO** Children's Message  
Sunday Tempe & Gilbert: *Sing at all services*

## Jesus Strong and Kind (Sunday Tempe/Gilbert)

### Verse 1

Jesus said  
That if I thirst  
I should come to him  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to him

### Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus strong and kind

**GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC:**  
**Down to the River to Pray,**  
Chancel Choir

**TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC:** *(Sunday only)*  
**A Morning Prayer,**  
Sanctuary Choir

**MISSION MOMENT 3: Stewardship Team, "Faith Family 2025"**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST LESSON: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5**

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**PENTECOST GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Refrain**

Alleluia, come Holy Spirit, come,  
Alleluia, we're gathered around Your throne.  
Speak to Your people, ignite us with flame,  
Fill us with power to speak of Your name.  
Alleluia, our hearts are now Your home.

## GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### SERMON:

*"Do It Like This"*

Pastor Andrea Cain

*(Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)*

*"Unanswered Prayer"*

Pastor Steve Holm

*(Gilbert)*

## SONG OF THE DAY: ELW 742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**1** What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!

**2** Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful

who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

**3** Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God, strengthen your church in every place. Grant all leaders and members unity to share your love in mission to the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, we pray for your gift of peace. Bring understanding and cooperation among peoples and leaders and turn hearts toward reconciliation as peacemakers in our homes, our communities, and our world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Healer, look with kindness on those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Support caregivers and inspire us to offer care, friendship, and encouragement. Bring comfort and hope to the sick, the lonely, and all who are in need (especially ...). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, remind us of your promise of life everlasting. Keep us steadfast in faith and fill us with hope. Comfort those who mourn, and let your love surround us always. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your mercy, we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE:**

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We share a word of peace with our neighbors.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

The grace of Christ calls us to lives of gratitude and generosity. In Jesus Christ we are given new life. Let us celebrate this life by giving generously to the work of God's redeeming love.

*The Hunger Jar is a love offering and is designated for the Desert Cross Serves event at both campuses on November 2, 2025.*

*You are invited to share your gifts in worship while others give electronically at [www.desertcross.org](http://www.desertcross.org) with the giving button, text giving, or by QR code. We give thanks for all the ways you support God's mission of outreach through Desert Cross that changes lives for the sake of the gospel*

### PENTECOST OFFERING SONG: Gratitude

#### Verse 1

All my words fall short  
I got nothing new  
How could I express  
All my gratitude

#### Verse 2

I could sing these songs  
As I often do  
But every song must end  
And You never do

#### Chorus

So I throw up my hands  
And praise You again and again  
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah

And I know it's not much  
But I've nothing else fit for a king  
Except for a heart singing hallelujah  
Hallelujah

#### Verse 3

I've got one response  
I've got just one move  
With my arms stretched wide  
I will worship You

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**OFFERING PRAYER:**

Gracious God,  
we offer these gifts for your mission in the world.  
Use them to share your love, bless those in need, and guide us to serve with open hearts. In Jesus' name,  
**Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION:****WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.*

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.**

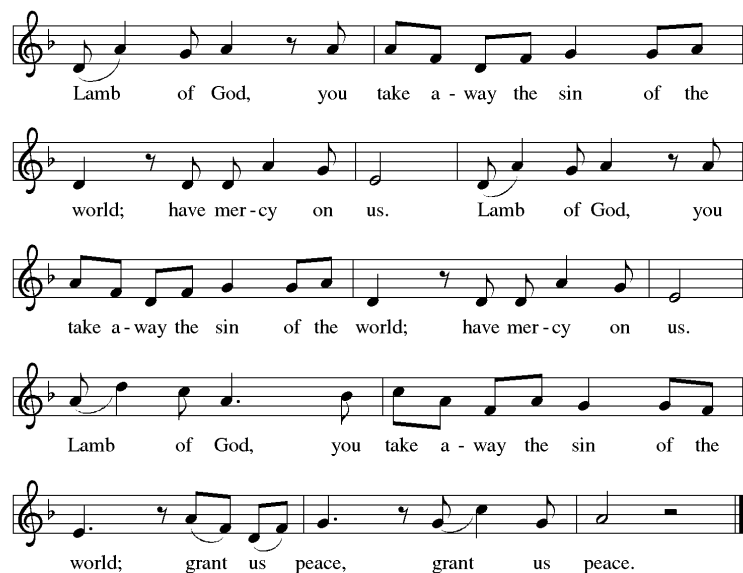
**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

This is Christ's table. There is a place for you.  
All are welcome.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

*Come forward to receive the bread and a cup of wine/juice. Alert an usher for communion in your seat. All are welcome.*

## LAMB OF GOD: ELW p. 201 (Tempe Only)



## DISTRIBUTION SONGS: ELW 481 Come To The Table

1 Come to the table of mercy,  
prepared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hungry and thirsty,  
come, and your souls will be fed.  
Come at the Lord's invitation;  
receive from his nail-scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of salvation;  
drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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## Draw Me Close to You

### Verse 1

Draw me close to You never let me go  
I lay it all down again  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend  
You are my desire no one else will do  
'Cause nothing else could take Your place  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace  
Help me find the way bring me back to You

### Chorus

You're all I want  
You're all I've ever needed  
You're all I want  
Help me know You are near



## Ending

Help me know You are here

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

Gracious God,  
as we have received the gift of Christ's body and blood,  
send us forth renewed in faith and love.  
Empower us to serve others with compassion and generosity.  
Guide our steps that we may share your peace and hope.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy,  
The Lord look upon you with favor +  
and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG: God of This City

### Verse 1

You're the God of this city  
You're the King of these people  
You're the Lord of this nation  
You are

You're the light in this darkness  
You're the hope to the hopeless  
You're the peace to the restless  
You are

**Pre-Chorus 1**

There is no one like our God  
There is no one like You God

**Chorus 1**

Greater things have yet to come  
And greater things have still to be done  
In this city  
Greater things have yet to come  
And greater things have still to be done here

**Verse 2**

You're the Lord of creation  
The Creator of all things  
You're the King above all kings  
You are  
You're the strength in the weakness  
You're the love to the broken  
You're the joy in the sadness  
You are

**DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:****Chorus 2**

Greater things have yet to come  
And greater things have still to be done  
In this city  
Greater things have yet to come  
And greater things have still to be done  
here

**Pre-Chorus 2**

There is no one like our God  
There is no one like our God  
There is no one like You God  
There is no one like You God

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**Flower Donation:**

*The flowers on the altar in Tempe this weekend are given by Diana Clark in memory of her grandson on his birthday.*