

Welcome and Announcements

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L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

“Jesus Paid It All”

Dr. Kristie Janczyk

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*Call to Worship

Psalm 149

L: Praise the Lord!

P: Sing to the Lord a new song.

L: Praise God among the communion of saints.

P: Let the people of God rejoice in their creator.

L: Let them praise the Lord with dance,

P: and celebrate with musical instruments,

L: because the Lord delights in them,

P: and adorns the despairing with welfare.

L: Let all the saints jump for joy;

P: let them cry out with gladness where they rest.

L: Let high praises of God be in their throats:

P: word and song that overcome injustice, binding rulers in chains and the powerful in iron shackles; bringing justice to them, and honor to all God's faithful. Praise the Lord!

*Song of Praise

“Gather Us In”

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**Here in this place 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, lightyears away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, 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.**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we want to make you proud. We want to hide away our faults so no one can see. We want to be considered worthy of sainthood. But you know our faults anyway. You know every detail of our lives.

Forgive us for trying to pretend we're perfect.

Holy God, we confess that we dance along the line between self-improvement and vanity. We read self-help books, listen to sages who tell us how we can achieve perfection, and try to eliminate all the mess from our lives so we can feel in control.

Forgive us for striving to be godlike when all you've ever asked of us is to be human.

Holy God, we forget that even the saints are human. Even the saints are messy and complicated. Our heroes are flawed, our loved ones make mistakes, and our idols aren't really made of solid gold. We confess that we are quick to judge the faults of others we have placed on a pedestal, as though they aren't human too.

Forgive us for expecting too much of one another.

Forgive us, we pray. Give us grace to trade the illusion of perfection for the real life you have gifted us, and hold us secure in the promise of future glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

A Time of Remembrance

Marvin Wayne Mundhenke ~ August 8, 1937 ~ October 17, 2024

June Smiley ~ December 8, 1927 ~ June 23, 2025

Kevin James VanHouten ~ March 4, 1961 ~ December 3, 2024

James Vinton VanHouten ~ July 22, 1939 ~ August 29, 2025

*Passing the Peace

L: ... Let us now offer this peace to one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you!**

Anthem

“Table of Grace”

Chancel Choir

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Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-13

L: Word of God, Word of Life!

P: **Thanks be to God!**

*Song of Preparation

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH 620

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**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,**

we are one body in this one Lord.

Message

“Gifted and Talented”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Song During Offering

“Longing”

Dr. Kristie Janczyk

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***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise him all creatures, here below!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)**

Merciful God, we offer you these tithes and gifts. Accept them as signs of our intention to act as true disciples of Jesus with our time, our talent and our treasure.

Help inspire each of us to have a servant heart, truly acting out what we understand followers are to do. Amen!

Holy Communion

Song During Communion

“Here, at Your Table, Lord”

Dr. Kristie Janczyk

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*Hymn of Commitment

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

UMH 114

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God of change and glory, God of time and space,

When we fear the future, give to us your grace.

In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise!

Refrain

Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.

In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise

One Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word

Known in many ways, hallowing our days

For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise.

God of many colors, God of many signs,

You have made us different blessing many kinds.

As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear. *Refrain*

Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,

You are still creating endless love and light.

This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart. *Refrain*

*Blessing

*Music for Going Forth

“Brightest and Best”

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