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PRELUDE

Sing To The King

Revelations Praise Band

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In celebration of our baptism, we worship

In the name of God: Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG # 1

Holy is the Lord

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(Please be seated as we prepare our hearts for confession)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

**Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.
We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.
Amen.**

GATHERING SONG # 2

Be the Centre

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WORD

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

GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 17th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC My God is With Me by Mark Patterson God's Kids

SERMON Pastor Orin W. Cummings

SONG OF THE DAY **Praise the Father, Praise the Son** **Revelations Praise Band**

TEACHERS' RECOGNITION (from the center of the altar rail)

Would the following members please stand where you are:

Sunday School Teachers – Tara Melgren, Katie Dogwiler, Susie Rucker, and Beth Melgren

Confirmation Teachers – Chuck Ryen and Dennis Hoffman

VBS – Jessica Atchison, Rachel Bergin, Mary Keidle, Nathanael Cummings, Carter Bergin, David Siewert, and Piper Jones

In the Bible, we are reminded that teachers are a gift from Christ himself to the church. Together with apostles, prophets, evangelists, interns, deacons, and pastors, our teachers equip God's people for works of service, so that the church may be built up, united, and rooted in Christ. Today we say, 'thank you,' to teachers at Messiah for answering Christ's call. We honor your service and offer our support, prayers, and heartfelt gratitude.

Let us pray for teachers who help Messiah fulfill our baptismal promises and nurture young minds and hearts to bear witness to Christ's redeeming love and for service.

For sharing your love of Christ with God's children of all ages from toddlers to teens to retirees,
may God richly bless you.

For inviting your students to dive into Scripture with both head and heart,
may God richly bless you.

For preparing lessons that spark curiosity and stimulate discussion,
may God richly bless you.

For challenging us to ask hard questions and have courageous conversations,
may God richly bless you.

For crafting activities that spur creativity and allow talents to grow,
may God richly bless you.

For late-night lesson plans and last-minute substitute teaching,
may God richly bless you.

For fun while learning the stories of our faith,
may God sustain you.

For equipping us to be sent out into God's world to share the love of Christ,
may God richly bless you.

For living lives that in and of themselves teach us so much about what it means to be a disciple,
may God richly bless you.

Bless you for being just who you are, people of faith who teach us to love God, our neighbors and ourselves. We thank you, love and honor you, and we pray God's blessings on you this day and always in the name of the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed:

**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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.**

(Please be seated and join us in prayer)

PRAYER SONG

As We Pray

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation and open our hearts to God's will.

A brief silence.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations, especially in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, and the Americas. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill especially Cathy Carleton, Pat, Lila, Lynn, Susan Klockow, Pam Bergin, Mr. Broussard, Lynn Burk, Radar, Cheryl Lundberg, Gahan Fallone, Cody Stevenson, Allison Gregory, Edward Dykman, Tommy Brewer, Sally McCarville, Terry Touhey, Linden Cummings, Juanita Steinbaugh, Andrew Langr, Mark Krueger, Bob White, and Beverly Carlson. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another and promote unity. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, especially Bob White, Lynda Minnick, Steve Moore, Kevin Darr, Morgan Cummings, and Deloris Needham who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Merciful God, grant protection and safety to service women and men deployed to the Middle East in this time of war, especially Kyle C. God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PRAYER SONG

As We Pray

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MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

All Creatures of Our God & King
Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Cherub Bells

SPECIAL MUSIC

Take!

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CONGREGATIONAL SONG DO THIS

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✝ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

He Reigns

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MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Gospel, we:
Welcome all to worship;
Make disciples;
Hunger for ministry;
Nurture youth;
Gather resources for growing ministries;
Offer healing and care to all in need.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

OFFERING

(Please place gifts in the plate as you leave)