

**GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**PENTECOST KYRIE:** *(Sat 5pm & Sunday Tempe only)*

**ALL: Blessed be God, the source of life,  
Creator of all, our hope and song.  
Blessed be God, the source of love,  
Holy Three and Holy One.**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Freeing God,  
**when life feels heavy, help us sing your hope.  
Set us free from what holds us back,  
give us courage to share your love,  
and welcome us again into your grace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG: ELW 733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**1** Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

### **Refrain**

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**2** Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

**3** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
*Refrain*

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: My God Is So Big (*Sunday Tempe/Gilbert*)

### **Bridge**

My God is so big so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do  
My God is so big so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do  
The mountains are His the valleys are His  
The stars are His handiwork too

My God is so big so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do

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

## WORD

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

## FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 20:7-13

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all day long;

everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out;  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PENTECOST GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Come Holy Spirit**

### **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.

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### **Summer Series Preaching Text: Acts 16:16-34**

<sup>16</sup> One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

<b>SERMON:</b>	
<p><i>"Singing in the Dark"</i>          Pastor Andrea Cain  <i>(Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)</i></p>	<p><i>" The God of No *"</i>          Pastor David Krueger  <i>(Gilbert)</i></p>

**SONG OF THE DAY: Way Maker (NEW) (Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe only)**

**Verse 1**

You are here moving in our midst  
 I worship You I worship You  
 You are here working in this place  
 I worship You I worship You

**Chorus**

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker  
 Promise Keeper  
 Light in the darkness  
 my God that is who You are

**Verse 2**

You are here touching ev'ry heart  
 I worship You I worship You  
 You are here healing ev'ry heart  
 I worship You I worship You

**Verse 3**

You are here turning lives around  
 I worship You I worship You  
 You are here mending ev'ry heart  
 I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

**Tag**

That is who You are  
 That is who You are  
 That is who You are  
 That is who You are

**Bridge**

Even when I don't see it You're working  
 Even when I don't feel it You're working  
 You never stop You never stop working  
 You never stop You never stop working

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**SONG OF THE DAY: ELW 618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (Gilbert only)**

**1** Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
 pilgrim through this barren land.  
 I am weak, but you are mighty;  
 hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
 feed me now and evermore,  
 feed me now and evermore.

**2** Open now the crystal fountain  
 where the healing waters flow;  
 let the fire and cloudy pillar  
 lead me all my journey through.  
 Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
 shield me with your mighty arm,  
 shield me with your mighty arm.

**3** When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,

I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

### **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. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

Trusting the God who brings hope in hard places, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, teach your church to sing hope even in difficult places. Give us courage to speak your love clearly, compassionately, and without fear. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, break the chains of injustice, violence, poverty, addiction, and despair. Open doors where people feel trapped, and guide world leaders to lead communities toward healing and peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, stay close to all who are hurting, afraid, grieving, sick, or alone. Send helpers with steady hands and tender hearts, and surround all who suffer with your care, especially those we name before you now (especially...). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of welcome, open our hearts and homes to your grace. Make this congregation a place where people find belonging, joy, and new life in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of joy, thank you for the saints who showed us how to trust you in every season. Keep us singing your praise until we join them in your eternal freedom and peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**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 Back to School supplies/socks/underwear.*

*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*

### OFFERING SONG: For the One

#### Verse 1

Let me be filled  
With kindness and compassion for the one  
The one for whom You loved and gave Your Son  
For humanity increase my love

#### Chorus

Help me to love with open arms like You do  
A love that erases all the lines and sees the truth  
Oh that when they look in my eyes  
They would see You  
Even in just a smile

They would feel the Father's love

#### Verse 2

Oh how You love us  
From the homeless to the famous and in-between  
You formed us You made us carefully  
'Cause in the end we're all Your children

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### OFFERING PRAYER:

Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION:**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God,  
you alone are holy,  
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea;  
within each cell;  
with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

### **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.

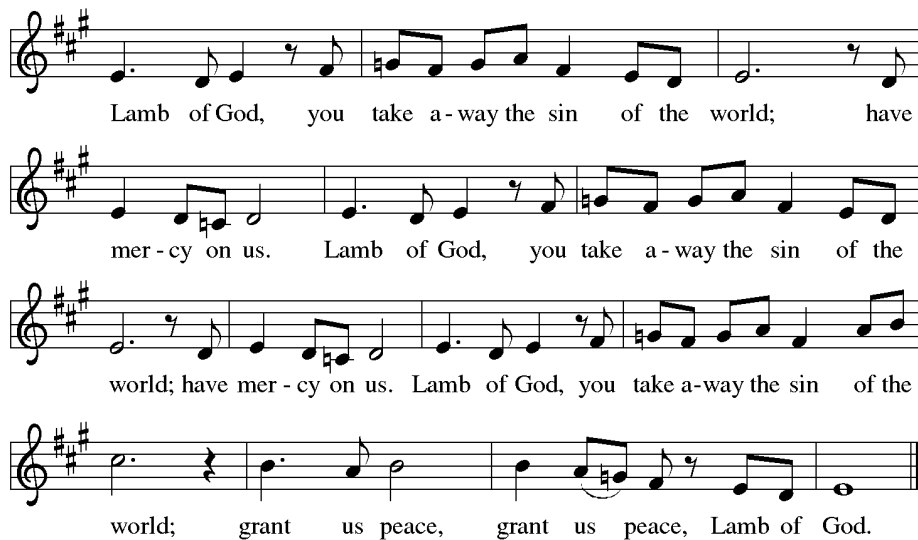
### INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

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.191 - Lamb of God (Setting 8)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### DISTRIBUTION SONG 1: ELW 773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

**1** Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**2** When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**3** When the darkness appears  
and the night draws near,

and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand,  
guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993  
Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

## **DISTRIBUTION SONG 2: Lord, I Need You**

### **Verse 1**

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

### **Chorus 1**

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

### **Verse 2**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

### **Bridge**

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

### **Chorus 2**

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

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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.**

Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that through this holy meal,

We may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

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

### **BENEDICTION:**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✚  
one God, bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG: ELW 763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song**

**1** My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

#### ***Refrain***

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

**2** Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.

It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

**3** What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

**4** The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*


Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

### **DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:**

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