



Service of Holy Communion

July 12, 2026 at 10:00 am

Together we worship, united in Christ!

If you are joining us for the first time, welcome!

We hope you feel at home.

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

Opening Hymn

"Through the Heart of Every City"

Voices United #584

Gathering of the Community *Congregation remains standing*

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

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word *The congregation sits*

The First Reading

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

(Romans 8:1-11)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119

Refrain 5

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Proclamation of the Gospel



◆ Seed Sewing Activity

◆ Time for reflection

◆ Reading of Matthew 13:18-23

Now listen to the meaning of the story about the farmer:
The seeds that fell along the road are the people who hear the message about the kingdom, but don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches the message from their hearts. The seeds that fell on rocky ground are the people who gladly hear the message and accept it at once. But they don't have deep roots, and they don't last very long. As soon as life gets hard or the message gets them in trouble, they give up.

The seeds that fell among the thornbushes are also people who hear the message. But they start worrying about the needs of this life and are fooled by the desire to get rich. So the message gets choked out, and they never produce anything. The seeds that fell on good ground are the people who hear and understand the message. They produce as much as 100 or 60 or 30 times what was planted.

(Contemporary English Version)

◆ Further reflection

Reflective Music: "Here I am Wholly Available"

Chorus: ***Here I am wholly available
As for me I will serve the Lord***

Prayers of the People

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The Peace *The congregation stands*

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

"You are Salt for the Earth"

Blue 502

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray together.

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation.

Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

God is here.

God will never forsake us.

We lift our hearts.

With soul and strength we lift them to the Lord.

Gods' goodness never ends.

And thanksgiving will never cease.

We give thanks to you, O God, because through your goodness you have made all creation good. Time and again we have disfigured the beauty of your creation; and we have brought pain and hurt into our world, and towards one another. You lead, Israel, your people of old, out of bondage. In our time, with faithful servants, saints and martyrs, you have delivered your people from the tyrannies of slavery, holocaust, apartheid, and degradation. Your empowering and liberating presence will continue to enrich and sustain us who wrestle and struggle against the evils of oppression, exploitation, discrimination and exclusion. Therefore, with all your servants, saints, and martyrs, and all the heavenly host of witnesses, we acclaim your glorious and matchless Name, as we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please assume a posture of prayer that is appropriate for you: stand, sit or kneel.

Sovereign Lord God, you revealed your eternal love for all your creatures in the gift of Your Son, Jesus, whom you sent to reconcile creation and make it new. With acts of love and compassion, he gave hope to those who were filled with despair. The enemies of justice and mercy pursued him to death.

On the night before his death, after eating the Passover with his friends, Jesus did something new. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this always in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the New Covenant which is poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, Loving God, as we gather around this table, joyfully responding to his commandment, and as we share the bread and cup of Christ's liberating love, we renew our faith as we proclaim,
The enemies of evil, sin and death will be defeated, and we will share in the victory of our redemption in God's reign in all the world.

We therefore pray you to breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts that we lift up to you: this bread, this cup. Make them, with us, visible signs and symbols of your abiding love and presence among all your people, as we strive to respond to your mission in the world. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory, praise and power is yours, Creator of all, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us. (Repeat)
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

The Invitation to Holy Communion

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Communion, you may indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify a sidesperson.

The Communion of the People

Communion Hymns

“Here I am Wholly Available”

Chorus *Here I am wholly available
 As for me I will serve the Lord*

The fields are white unto harvest
But oh the labourers are so few
So Lord I give myself to help the reaping
To gather precious souls unto You

The time is right in the nation
For words of power and authority
God's looking for a people who are willing
To be counted in His glorious victory

As salt are we ready to savour
In darkness are we ready to be light
God's seeking out His very special people
To manifest His truth and His might

“All Who Hunger”

Voices United #460

Prayer after Communion

The congregation stands

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Doxology

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Let us pray together.

Holy One, send us anywhere you would have us go, only, go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only, stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you.

And the blessing of God; the Creator who made and knows us; the Savior, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Voices United #481

Dismissal

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves!

Thanks be to God!

Announcements

The Little Food Cupboard is in need of your help!

Please bring in the following items to fill our shelves for those in our community. **Pasta, pasta sauce, canned meats, rice, dry cereal, cake mixes, milk alternatives, cookies and snacks.** Cash donations are also appreciated and eligible for a tax receipt if \$25.00 or more.

Thank you for your support.



Good Ground

I love your simple story of the sower,
With all its close attention to the soil,
Its movement from the knowledge to the knower,
Its take on the tenacity of toil.

I feel the fall of seed a sower scatters,
So equally available to all,
Your story takes me straight to all that matters,
Yet understands the reasons why I fall.

Oh deepen me where I am thin and shallow,
Uproot in me the thistle and the thorn,
Keep far from me that swiftly snatching shadow,
That seizes on your seed to mock and scorn.

O break me open, Jesus, set me free,
Then find and keep your own good ground in me.

By Malcolm Guite

Invitation to Christian Stewardship

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