

...Great is the mystery of faith:
*Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

...The gifts of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome at Christ's table. The cup is offered as red wine, and white grape juice. You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the first pews.

COMMUNION SONG

How Beautiful

Ensemble

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

-Sending-

***HYMN #647**

Give Thanks

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

How Beautiful

You may sit after the light passes you in the aisle.



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(*) Please rise in body or in spirit
Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response



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*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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— **Gathering** —

PRELUDE

Shout to the Lord

Joshua Allen

WELCOME

Liturgist: Kathy Porter

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to join with all the earth in praise:

***to sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.***

We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:
***the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills,
people in every corner of the globe.***

On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,
we greet you with joy, our living God!

***HYMN #475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CONFESSION

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.
Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.
By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.
Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! Amen.

***ALLELUIA #586**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You are beloved.
And you belong!

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 15:9-17

Bible p. 103, LG p. 134

SECOND READING

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Acts 10:44-48

Bible p. 122, LG p. 158

SERMON

How many people do you know Cornelius? Rev. Kendal Land

***HYMN #670**

From the Rising of the Sun

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Belhar Confession)**

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the Church, as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another, and that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another.

We believe that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God. Jesus is Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.*

—Eucharist—

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Love Each Other

Joshua Allen

***DOXOLOGY #607**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*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! ...*