

وَسَالُوهُ قَائِلِينَ أَطْلُقْ هَذِهِ الْاِمْرَاةَ . لَانْهَا
تَصِيحُ فِي اثَرِنَا . فَاجَابَ وَقَالَ لَهَا ارْسَلِي



لَا اِلَى الْخَرَفِ الضَّالَّةِ مِنْ بَيْتِ اِسْرَائِيلَ . فَاتَتْ
وَسَجَدَتْ لَهُ قَائِلَةً يَا رَبِّ اَعْنِي . فَاجَابَ وَقَالَ

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Communion
ELW Setting Six

Monroeville
Community Park West
Pavilion #1

August 16, 2026
10:30 am

Gathering

Gathering Music

As time allows, selections from the following will be sung while the people gather.

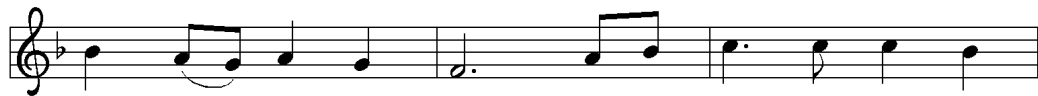
All Are Welcome (ELW 641)



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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In Christ There Is No East or West (ELW 650)



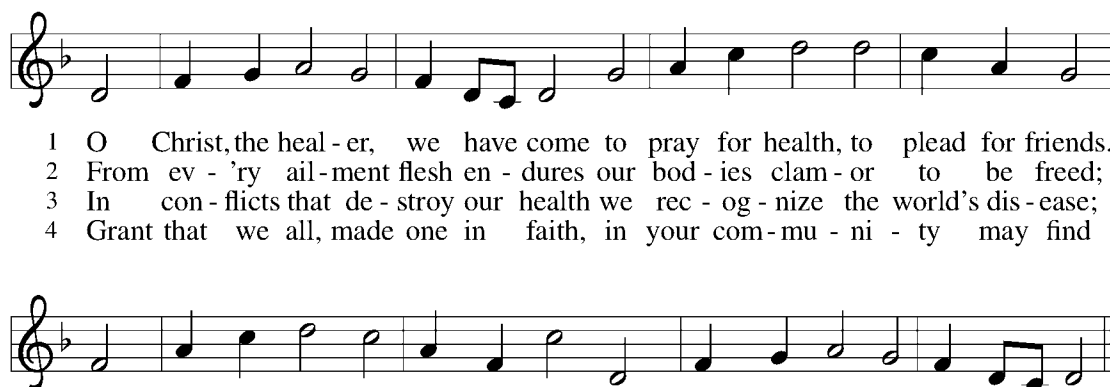
1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
 but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Each of today's three readings deals with the question of which group of people is more acceptable to God, and a hymn that complements these readings is "In Christ there is no east or west" (ELW 650). In the first century, the groups were Jews, Canaanites, Gentiles; in our time, what are the groups that assume precedence over others? In this hymn we pray to be delivered from such rivalry into "one community of love throughout the whole wide earth." -Gail Ramshaw

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come (ELW 610)



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
 2 From ev-'ry ail-ment flesh en-dures our bod-ies clam-or to be freed;
 3 In con-flicts that de-stroy our health we rec-og-nize the world's dis-ease;
 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com-mu-ni-ty may find

How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev-er ends?
 yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.
 our com-mon life de-clar-es our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 the whole-ness that, en-rich-ing us, shall reach the whole of hu-man-kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Confession and Forgiveness (with Kyrie)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Each part of the following Kyrie is sung first by the cantor and then by assembly.



Nko - si, Nko - si, yi - ba nen - ce - ba.
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.



Kres - tu, Kres - tu, yi - ba nen - ce - ba.
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.



Nko - si, Nko - si, yi - ba nen - ce - ba.
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

Text: South African
Music: G. M. Kolisi
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Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.
Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy,
that your name may be known throughout the earth,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

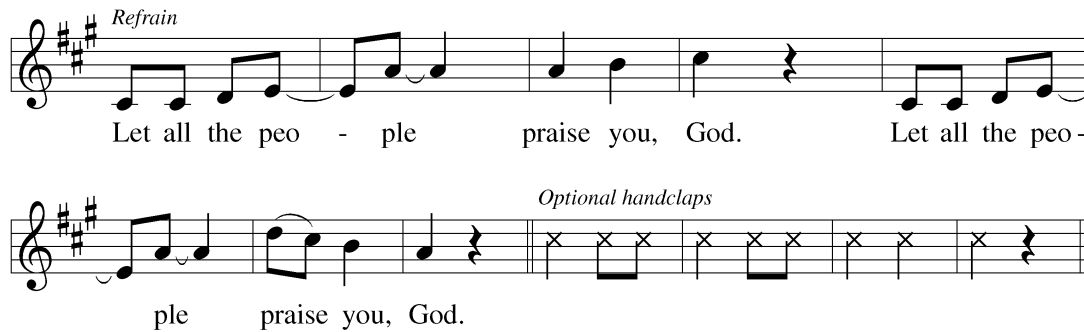
And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The refrain is sung by all and repeated following each verse.



The verses are sung by the cantor.

1. Bless us, O God, show us your kindness, and
make your face to shine upon us and-- *Refrain*
2. All the earth shall follow your ways, O God,
nations know your power to save, O God. *Refrain*
3. Let all people joyfully sing this song:
God is bringing justice and righting wrong. *Refrain*
4. God has blessed us, given us sun and rain.
Earth has yielded bushels of fruit and grain. *Refrain*
5. May our God continue to bless us, and
may the whole earth sing out a loud amen. *Refrain*

Text and music: Ray Makeever
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Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans.

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW 173)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Message

Homily

Hymn of the Day: The Canaanite Woman (from the collection *Love Astounding* [2023])

The assembly stands to sing.



1 A des-p'rate wom-an had the nerve to stop the Son of Man
2 The house of Is - ra - el a - lone is much too small to hold
3 Com-pas - sion of this lav-ish God com-pels us to pur - sue



and chal-lenge the as - sump-tions of his mes - si - an - ic plan.
the mas-sive, fes-tive ta - bles spread with-in the house of God,
each hope for jus-tice, heal - ing, peace, to ques-tion points of view



A scorned, re - ject - ed Ca-naan - ite, she spoke per-sist - ent - ly
where more than crumbs be-long to those who cry out in their pain,
that lim - it God's ex - pan-sive grace to lim - its of the mind.



un - til a wea - ry Je - sus saw his call - ing dif-f'rent - ly.
no mat-ter what their sta - tus or their weight of pub - lic shame.
The in - vi - ta - tion God ex-tends in - cludes all hu - man - kind.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm

Music: THE CHURCH'S DESOLATION, Traditional melody; harm. J. T. White, 19th cent.

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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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For our congregations, for visitors and those new to our faith communities, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw our churches together in love and strengthen us in unwavering faith. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated.

Meal

Offering

While we do not physically collect an offering during outdoor worship, we still take a moment here to give thanks and offer up to God that which has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. An offering basket is available at the front. If you have not done so already, please feel free to leave an offering there as you leave!

Preparing the Table: Alleluia! Gracias, Señor!

The assembly stands to sing.

Allelu-, allelu-, allelu-, alleluia
Gracias Señor!
Allelu-, allelu-, allelu-, alleluia
Gracias Señor!

Gracias Señor, alleluia
Gracias Señor, alleluia
Gracias Señor, alleluia
Gracias Señor!

Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

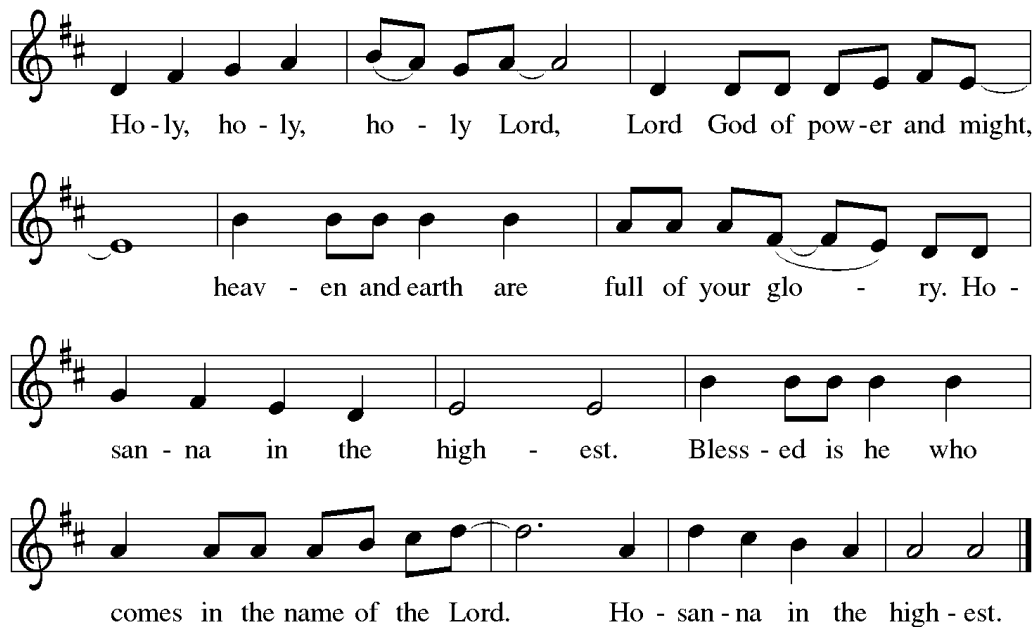
Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals, the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

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

**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.**

Communion

The assembly is seated. The following songs are sung during communion as time allows.

This is Christ's Body (ACS 967)

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960
Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ
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Creating God, Your Fingers Trace (ELW 684)

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly

signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by

light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934
Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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United at the Table (ELW 498)

Refrain / Estribillo

The musical notation is for a refrain in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two lines of lyrics: 'U - ni - dos en la fies - ta, la_a - le - grí - a' and 'U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is'. The second staff has two lines: 'se_ha - ce can - ción.' and 'U - ni - dos en la fe,' followed by 'joined in song.' and 'U - nit - ed in the faith:'. The third staff has two lines: 'la_a - le - grí - a' and 'se_ha - ce_o - ra - ción.' followed by 'all our joy to God be - longs.'.

U - ni - dos en la fies - ta, la_a - le - grí - a
U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is

se_ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,
joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:

la_a - le - grí - a se_ha - ce_o - ra - ción.
all our joy to God be - longs.

Verses are sung by the cantor.

1. We will praise God, we will sing
alleluias with hymns and with psalmody;
we will praise God for the love
that sustains us eternally. *Refrain*
2. We will praise God, we will feast
at the bountiful table of life and grace;
we will praise God and give thanks
for communion with ev'ry race. *Refrain*
3. We will praise God, we will play
alleluias with rhythm and instruments;
we will praise God for the love
that invites all creation to dance. *Refrain*

Once all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

O God, our life, our strength, our food,
we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son.
By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world,
that more and more we will give you praise
and serve your earth and its many peoples,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

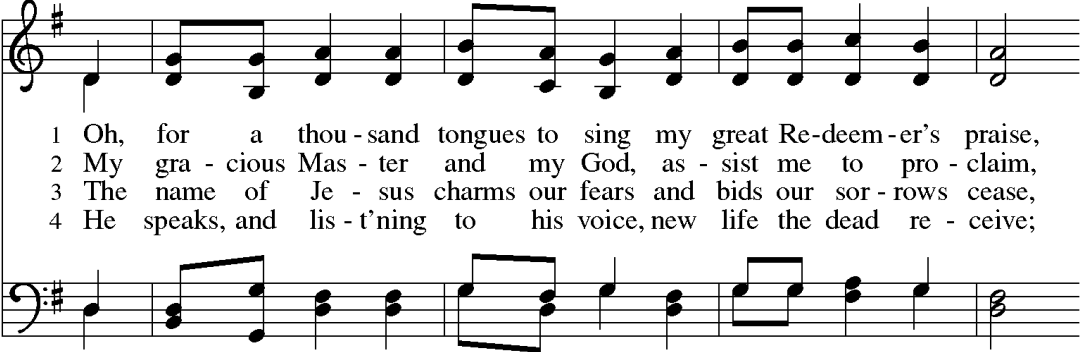
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886)



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Dismissal

Go in the peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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	Rev. Robert Schaefer	<i>Good Shepherd, Monroeville</i>
	Rev. Linda Theophilus	<i>Emmanuel, Eastmont</i>
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	TBD	<i>Emmanuel, Eastmont</i>
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Communion Minister	TBD	<i>St. John's, North Versailles</i>
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Tech Team	Tom Felmley	<i>Zion, Penn Hills</i>
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