

Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,



but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?

Psalm 113:5-6

September 18, 2022

15th Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 60 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Introduction

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing.

By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

Welcome to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

***All* Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness

***All* we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice,

love kindness,

and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,

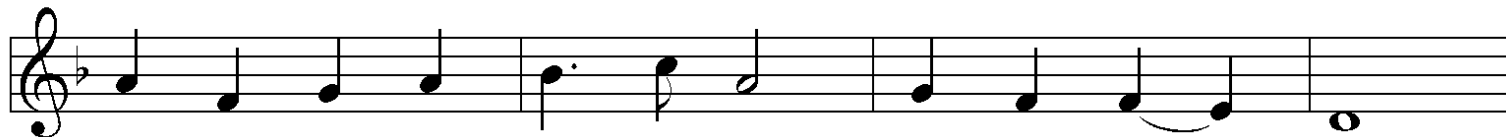
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

***All* Amen.**

Kyrie



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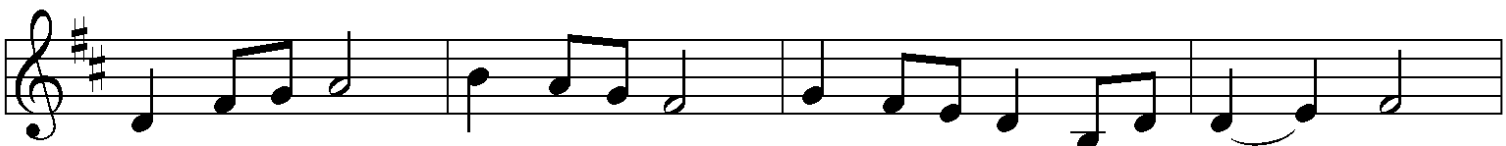


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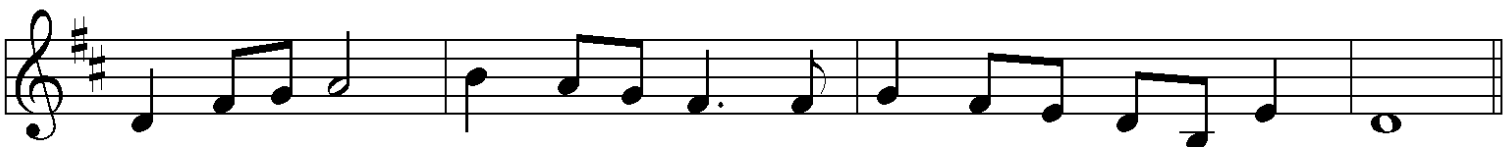


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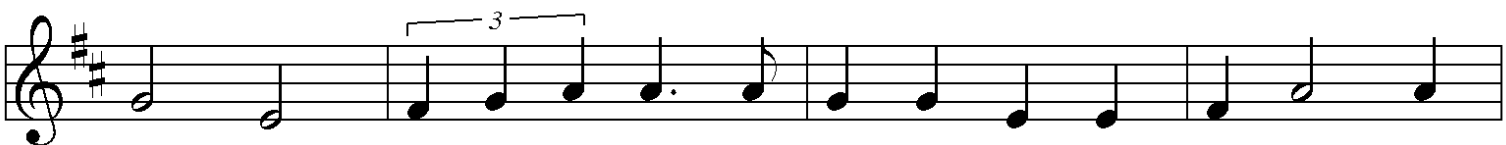
Opening Song of Praise



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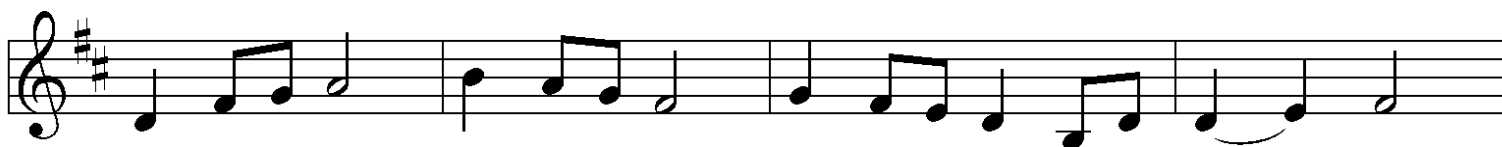
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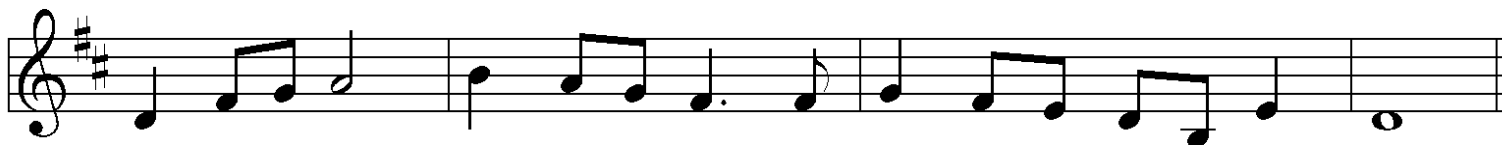
I Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



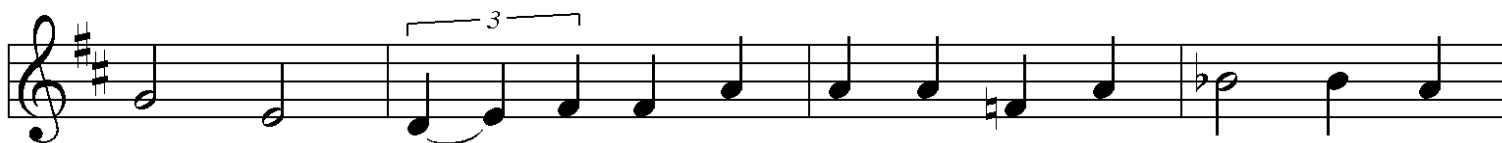
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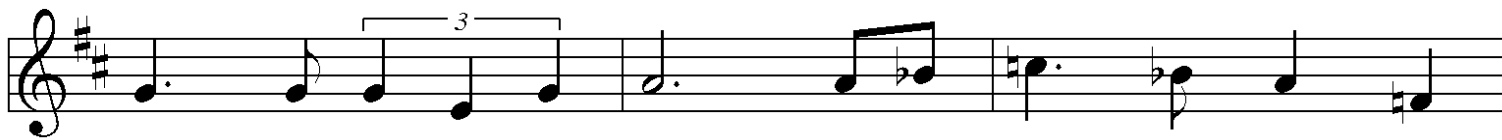
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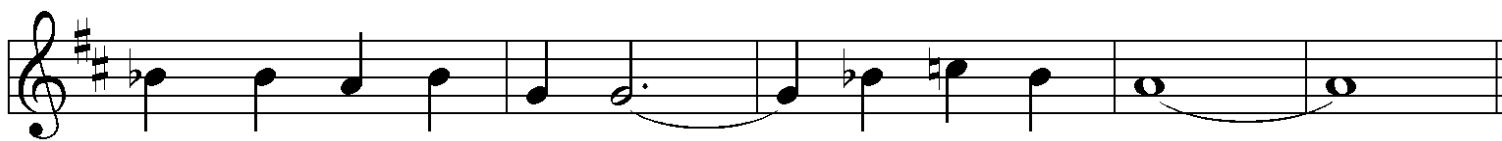
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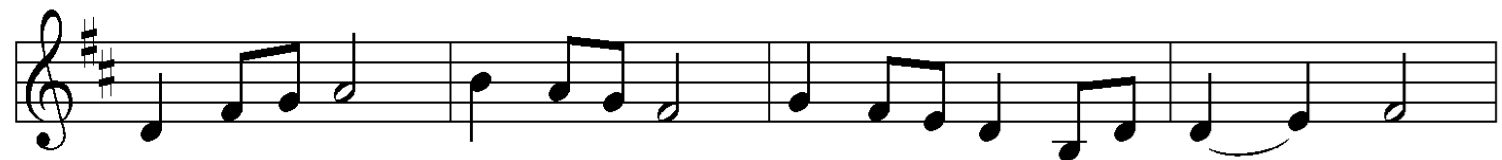
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



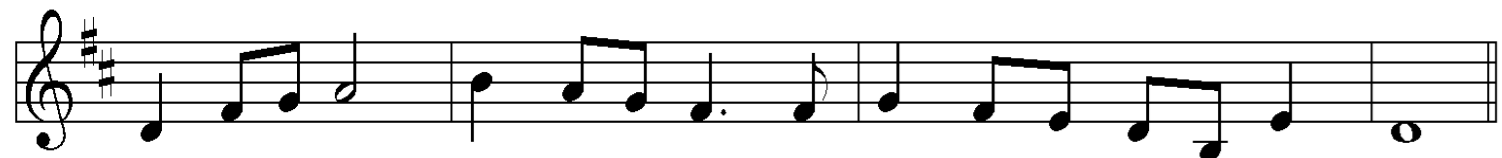
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



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☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
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Greeting

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

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another.

All Keep our feet from evil paths.

Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Amos, the 8th chapter

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Amos 8:4-7

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from 1 Timothy, the 2nd chapter

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church’s focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

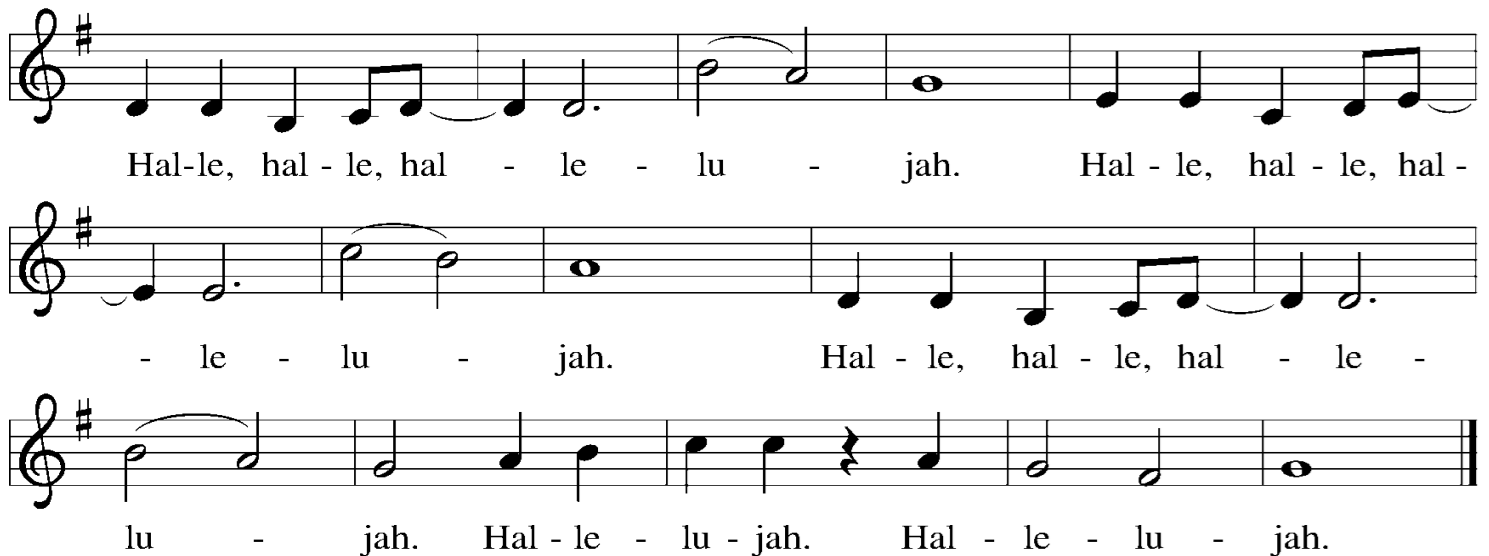
1 Timothy 2:1-7

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All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.

²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now

that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Luke 16:1-13

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

[You may be Seated](#)

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Lord Reign In Me

Words and Music by
Brenton Brown



1. O - ver all the _ earth, You _ reign on _ high, ev - 'ry moun - tain _ stream,
2. O - ver ev - 'ry _ thought, o - ver ev - 'ry _ word, may my life re - flect



ev - 'ry sun - set _ sky. But my one re - quest, Lord, my on - ly _ aim _
the beau - ty of my _ Lord; 'Cause You mean more to _ me than an - y earth - ly _ thing.



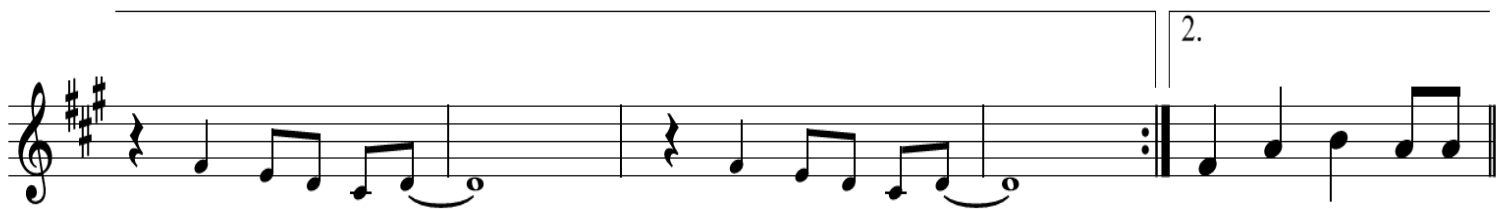
_____ is that You'd reign in me a - gain. Lord, reign in _____ me,
_____ So won't You reign in me a - gain.



reign in Your _ pow'r; O - ver all my _ dreams, in my dark - est hour.



You are the Lord of all I am, _____ so won't You reign in me a - gain.



reign in me a - gain.

Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with one voice confessing our faith with the words of 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. Amen.**

[You may be Seated](#)

Prayers of Intercession

L As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.



Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing. Lord, send Your Spir - it in this



place; Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing, send us



love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God of grace, *All:* You hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

P Christ become peace with you.

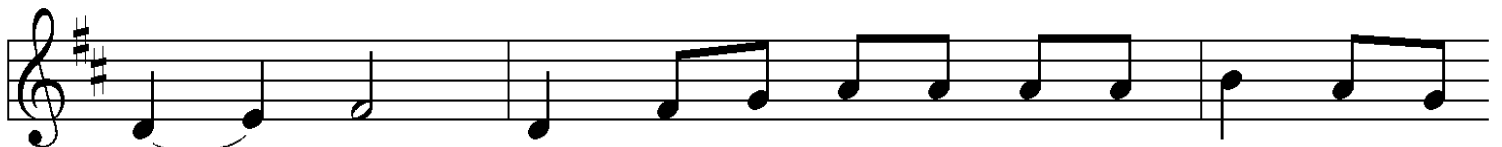
All And also with you.

Offering

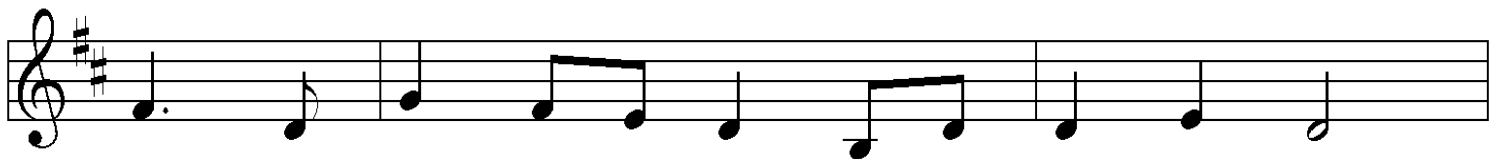
You may be Seated



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

P Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

All Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, [on this day,] as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, 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, 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

P 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 death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**All 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.**

The Invitation

P Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.
All are welcome.

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for all people
for the forgiveness of sin



All are Welcome!

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

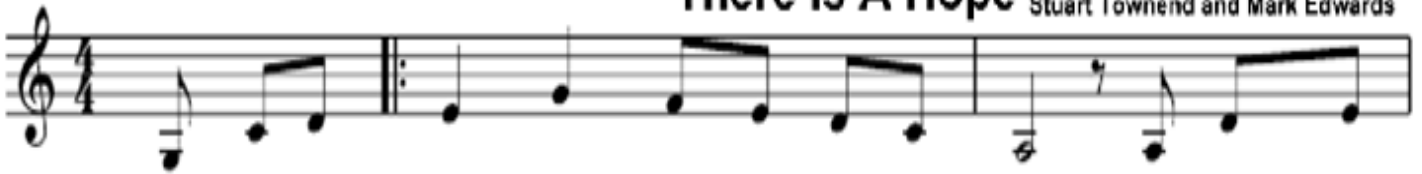
Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Communion Songs

You may be Seated

There Is A Hope

Words and Music by
Stuart Townend and Mark Edwards



1 There is a hope that burns with - in my heart, that gives me
(2. There is a) hope that lifts my wea - ry head; A con - so -
(3. There is a) hope that stands the test of time, that lifts my



strength for ev - 'ry pass - ing day; A glimpse of glo - ry now re - vealed in
la - tion, strong a - gainst de - spair— that when the world has plunged me in its
eyes be - yond the beck - 'ning grave to see the match - less beau - ty of a



mea - ger part, yet drives all doubt___ a - way. I stand in Christ, with
deep - est pit, I find the Sav - ior there. Through pres - ent suf - frings,
day di - vine, when I be - hold___ His face. When suf - frings cease, and



sins for - giv'n and Christ in me, the hope of heav'n. My
fu - ture's fear, He whis - pers cour - age in my ear; For
sor - rows die, and ev - 'ry long - ing sat - is - fied; Then



high - est call - ing, and my deep - est joy, to make His will my
 I am safe in ev - er - last - ing arms, and they will lead me
 joy un - speak - a - ble will flood my soul, for I am tru - ly



home. 2 There is a home.
 3 There is a home.

Shine On Us

Words and Music by
 Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith



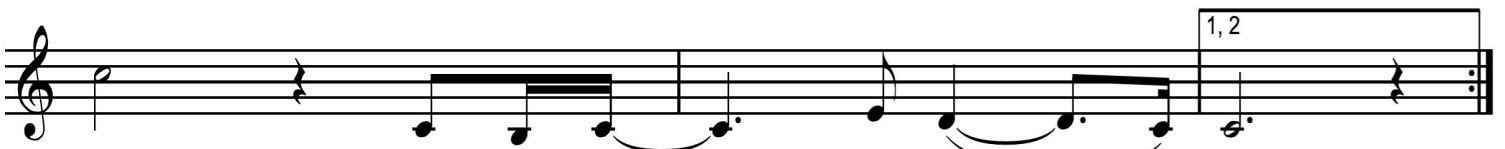
1 Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.
 2 Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us.
 3 Lord, let Your love, love with no end come o - ver us.



Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us That
 Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us That
 Lord, let Your love, love with no end come o - ver us That



we may be saved, that we may have life; To find our way in the dark - est



night, Let Your light shine on us.
 night, Let Your grace fall on us.
 night, Let Your love come o - ver



us, let Your light shine on us.

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

All Amen

P Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.

**All Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.**

This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Please be seated for
Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements*

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

All Amen.

Sending Song

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

Dismissal

P Be alert. Continue strong in the faith. Have courage and be strong.
Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

All Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday,
September 25th

First Reading:

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm:

Psalm 146

Second Reading:

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel:

Luke 16:19-31

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