

Do Unto Others



Loving across the lines

November 3, 2024
All Saints Sunday



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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 50 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 worshipping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know a nursery space and cry room are available for
parents who need to tend to their little ones.

Introduction

Our world seems to be consumed with division—often typified in the colors red and blue. Rather than stay in our monochromatic silos, the Golden Rule in scripture challenges us to engage in conversation and seek to create whatever common good we can with our relatives, friends, and neighbors who we might consider to be on the "other side" politically and ideologically.

As we attempt to come together, the idea is not that we are obliterating either one or trying to change each other, but rather we discover the beauty that can be created when we work together to make the world a better place.

The "purple space" is where we cultivate kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love for one another and for the good of all the world, no matter what.

Malice Toward None: LOVE

P As we bring to a close our intentional focus on Jesus' command – our Golden Rule, how are you feeling? The command is so clear and yet can seem impossible.

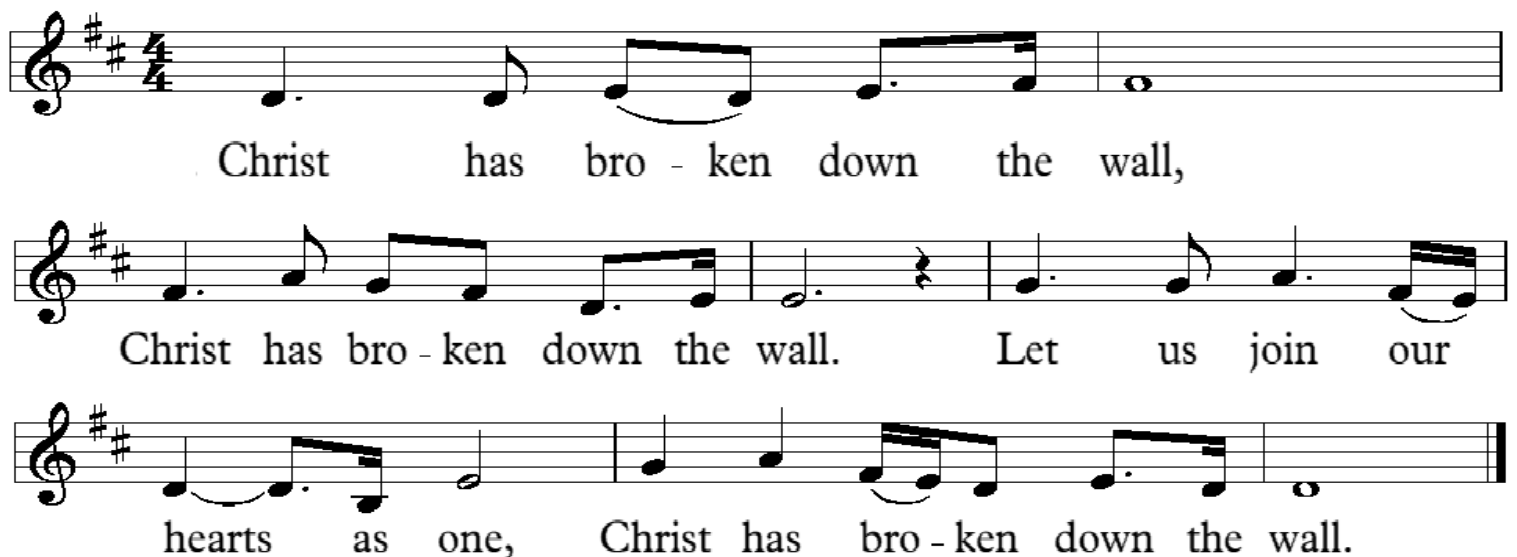
Jesus said:

“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. (Mt. 7:12 NRSV)

Or put another way:

¹² “Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them. Add up God’s Law and Prophets and this is what you get. (Mt. 7:12 MSG)

We know loving our neighbors – including relatives, coworkers, acquaintances, strangers – as ourselves is no simple task. We need God. We need the love of God to show us mercy and strength to love as God loves.



Christ has bro - ken down the wall,
Christ has bro - ken down the wall. Let us join our
hearts as one, Christ has bro - ken down the wall.

P We need the story of Jesus – the one who loved across the lines that had been drawn in the society of his day and still he stood up for the least and the lost.

We need faith that no matter the strain of differing positions, policies, and politics, we will move forward in love.

Disagreeing need not be antithetical to love and grace. My beautiful friends, our world depends on ALL OF US – working for a better world. A world filled with more kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love.

P We come together around the Light of Christ –
the Center and guiding light of our lives. Christ is our beginning point for
our relationships and our love in the world. This is our “love revolution.”

*♪ ♪ We're accepted as we are, ♪ ♪
We're accepted as we are.
Through God's love all is reconciled,
We're accepted as we are.*

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P For all the ways we colonize each other—
with expectations, beliefs, judgments, and our own fear...

***All* God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.**

WA For all the ways we squander right relationship—
choosing being “right” over “relationship”...

***All* God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.**

P For all the ways we deny equality and the belovedness of all—
deeming some “in” and others “out...”

***All* God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.**

WA Jesus said, “I have come to set the prisoner free.”

No matter what binds you this day,

freedom is yours through new life in Christ.

In the name of him who came to loose the chains, we are forgiven.

***All* In the name ✝ of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, set free.**

Glory to God! Amen!

*♪ ♪ Cast aside your doubts and fears. ♪ ♪
Cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love freely offered here;
Cast aside your doubts and fears.*

Prayer for This Day

P Loving and Hope-filled God,
we ask you to stay close in our lives
as we move into an unknown future.

All Wrap us in your love,
and invite us to go and do likewise—to “do unto others”
in ways that build up your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center That Holds,
and in the power of the Spirit That Transforms. Amen.

You may be Seated

In Remembrance of the Saints

P On this All Saints Sunday we remember those near and dear to our congregation who have entered the church triumphant this past year...

Debbie Boyd

אָדעסס דיג בויד

Toni Jimenez

טאָני גימעז

Shirley Jones

שיירלי ג'ונס

Neil Kochenour

נײַל קאָכענאָר

Thelma Monday

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Pamela Sanders (PJR)

פּאַמילאַ סאַנדערס (פּי.ג.ר.)

Tracy Boyd

טראַסי בויד

Richard Jones

ריכאַרד ג'ונס

Janet Louise Kilhefner

ג'אַנעט לואיז קילהעפנער

Darrin McCaffrey

דאַרין מאַקאָפּרעי

Carol Janice Reopelle

קאַרול גאַנסי ריפּעל

P I invite you to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of those dear to your hearts who have passed.

(Please use the tall candles on either side to light your candles.)

P Let us pray,
Eternal God, your love is stronger than death,
and your passion more fierce than the grave.

**All We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn
into your eternal embrace.**

**Keep us in joyful communion with them
until we join the saints of every people and nation
gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

A Reading from 1 Corinthians, the 13th chapter

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror,

but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

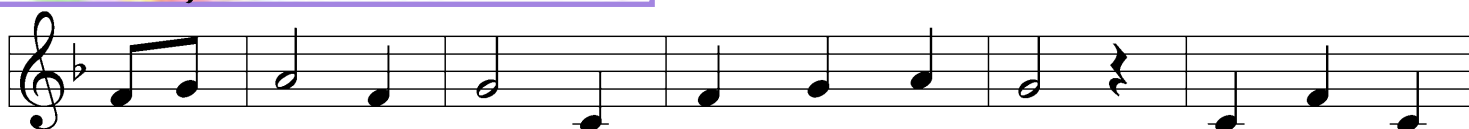
1 Corinthians 13

P The word of the Lord.

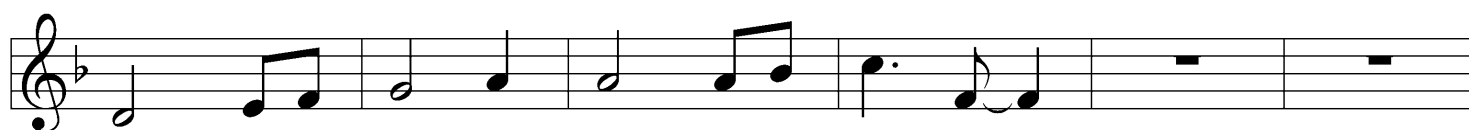
All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

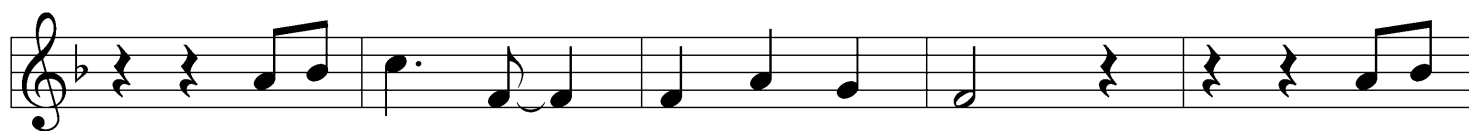
Please stand in body or spirit.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

As Matthew tells the story, it is Tuesday of Holy Week, and Jesus was involved in a series of disputations with Sadducees, lawyers, chief priests, elders, scribes, Pharisees, and their disciples. As Jesus draws closer to the cross, we see a brilliant clarity emerge in his teaching. In this passage, we hear the distillation of Jesus' ethical teaching.

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a

question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:34-40

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Sermon

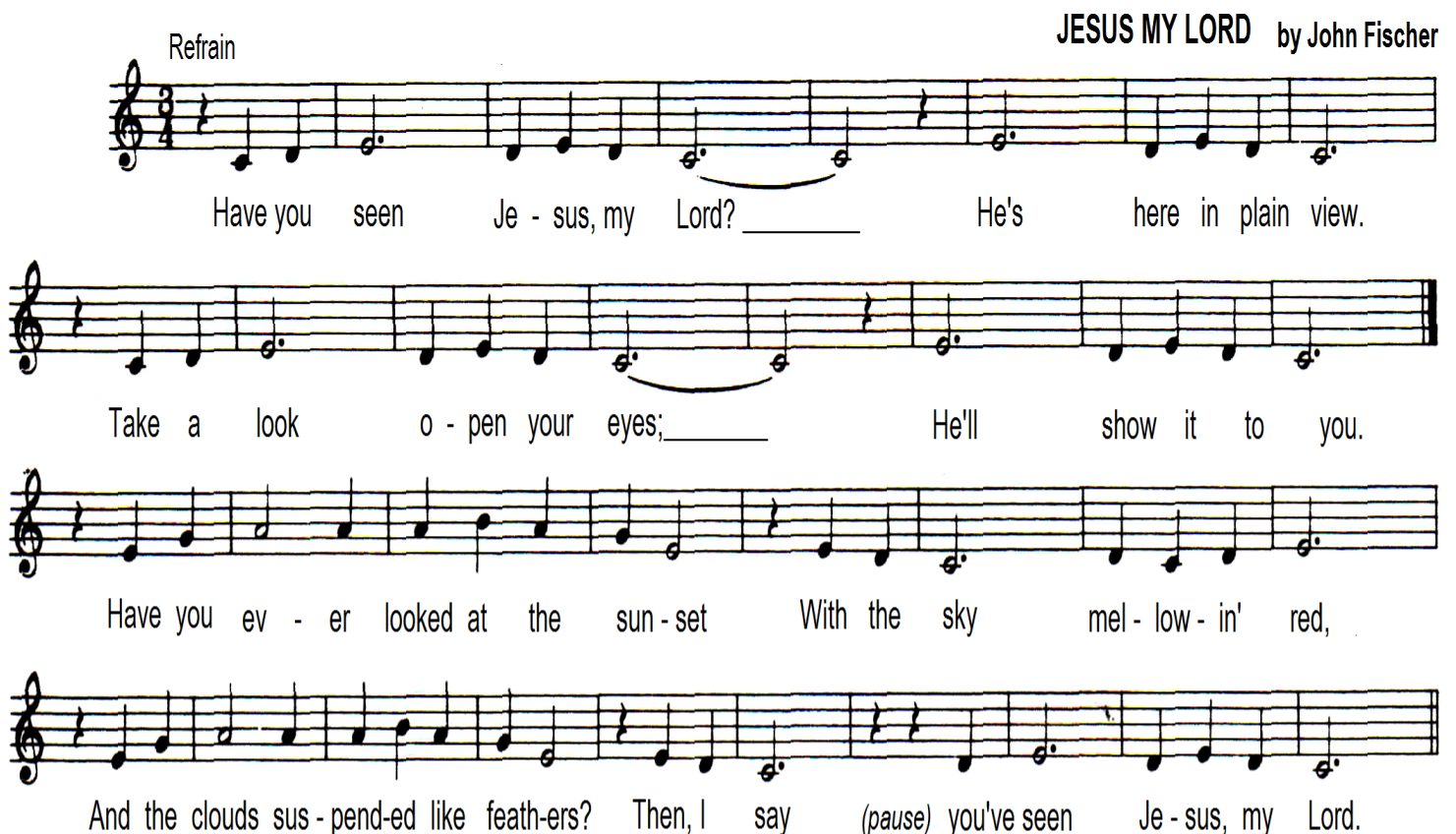
Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

JESUS MY LORD by John Fischer

Refrain



Have you seen Je - sus, my Lord? He's here in plain view.

Take a look o - pen your eyes; He'll show it to you.

Have you ev - er looked at the sun - set With the sky mel - low - in' red,

And the clouds sus - pend-ed like feath-ers? Then, I say (pause) you've seen Je - sus, my Lord.

2. Have you ever stood at the ocean
With the white foam at your feet,
Felt the endless thunderin' motion?
Then I say . . . *(pause)*
you've seen Jesus, My Lord. *(Refrain)*

3. Have you ever looked at the cross,
With a man hangin' in pain
And the look of love in His eyes?
Then I say . . . *(pause)*
you've seen Jesus, My Lord. *(Refrain)*

4. Have you ever stood in the family
With the Lord there in your midst,
Seen the face of Christ on each other?
Then I say . . . *(pause)*
you've seen Jesus, My Lord. *(Refrain)*

Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages 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.**

WA We come to prayer today as those whom God loves deeply,
 despite our flaws and sometimes failed attempts at loving others.
 We come knowing that without the capacity to love, we are without
 capacity to hope; we are without capacity to survive in this world.
 Our frailty requires heroic acts of connection that we sometimes believe
 are beyond our ability to achieve.

And perhaps it is beyond us... but not beyond God.

And so we pray together the prayers of the people,
 for we are all in need of help.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.

(each prayer petition ends with)

WA: God of love

All: You hear our prayer.

Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,
 God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

Passing of the Peace

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God,

All source of every gift of your creation.

**By these gifts we bring and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 Holy are you and blessed is your son, Jesus.

To those who were imprisoned

by status, law, illness, poverty, gender, age, and disease,

he said, “your belief has set you free. You are a child of God.”

He invited disciples, friends, and strangers alike to his tables.

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.

Holy Spirit, transform this meal and transform this body

so that we might be free to love without condition,

invite without hesitation,

go without reservation,

and proclaim your Kindness to all the world!

All Amen

The Lord's Prayer

P God in Community, Holy and One,
we lift our prayers to you, saying ...

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 has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!



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

Enter In

Verse 1

Enter into His presence, Enter into His love.
Enter into the presence of the Lord, by His blood.
Enter into salvation by the blood of the Lamb.
Enter into the throne room of the Great I Am.

Verse 2

Enter into His presence and receive by His grace
The privilege to worship Him here in this place.
Enter into His presence let us bow before Him.
Give Him glory and honor as we enter in.

Bridge

Enter into the throne room of God
By the precious blood of the Lamb
Praise Him praise Him
Sing of His great love
As we all enter in.

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Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my
 2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er
 3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions
 4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are
 vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -
 end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now
 one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.
 dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.
 see: then we will see love face to face.
 mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

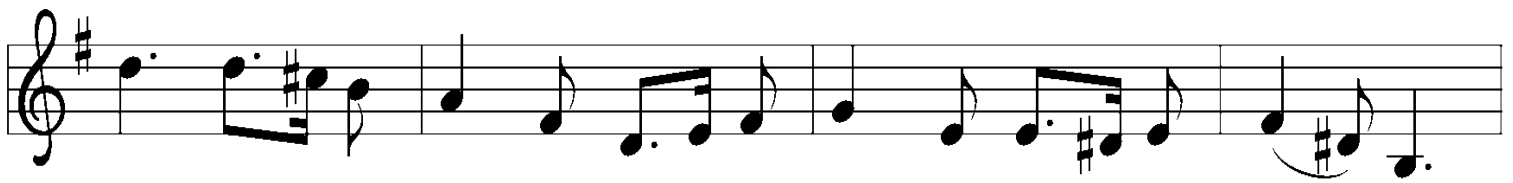
What Feast of Love



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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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 Holy God,

**All we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
 As you have nourished us in this meal,
 now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
 In your name we pray. Amen**

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P May you recognize in your life the presence, power, and light of your soul.

May you realize that you are never alone,
that your soul in its brightness and belonging connects you
intimately with the rhythm of the universe.

May you have respect for your individuality and difference.

May you realize that the shape of your soul is unique,
that you have a special destiny here,
that behind the façade of your life there is
something beautiful and eternal happening.

May you learn to see your *self* with the same delight, pride, and
expectation with which God ✝ sees you in every moment.

Blessing for Solitude
John O'Donohue

All Amen. Let it be so.

Sending Song

Great is the Lord



Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his



pow - er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is



faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is

love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.

Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now

lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the

Lord! Great is the Lord!

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Dismissal

WA Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
 as God in Christ has forgiven you. *Ephesians 4:23*
 Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

All Thanks be to God!

Reading for next Sunday,
November 10th
25th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm: Psalm 146
Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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