

Who is my neighbor?



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Welcome to all God's guests, especially those 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.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know the cry room at the back of the
sanctuary is available for parents who need to tend to their
little ones.**

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Please silence your cellphone at this time

Welcome to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

All you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.
Amen.

P You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

All Amen.

Opening Song

As We Gather

Words and Music by
Tom Coomes and Mike Fay



As we gath - er, may___ Your Spir - it work with - in us.



As we gath - er, may___ we glo - ri - fy Your name. Know - ing well that as___ our



hearts be - gin to wor - ship, we'll be blessed be - cause___ we



came,_____ we'll be blessed be - cause___ we came.

Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P Let us pray,

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.

All Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Deuteronomy, the 30th chapter

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from Colossians, the 1st chapter

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:1-14

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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 10th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Luke 10:25-37

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Children’s Sermon
&
Noisy Offering

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Love The Lord

Words and Music by
Lincoln Brewster



1. Love the Lord, _ your God, with all _ your heart, with all _ your soul, _ with all _ your mind, .
2. I will serve _ the Lord with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .



___ and with all ___ your strength; ___
___ and with all ___ my strength; ___



Love the Lord, _ your God, with all _ your heart, with all _ your soul, _ with all _ your mind, .
I will serve _ the Lord with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .



___ and with all _ your strength. With all _ your heart, ___ with all _ your soul, .
___ and with all _ my strength; With all _ my heart, ___ with all _ my soul, .



— with all _ your mind, — with all _ your strength; —
 — with all _ my mind, — with all _ my strength; —

Love the Lord, _ your God, with all _ your heart, with all _ your soul, _ with all _ your mind, .
 I will serve _ the Lord, with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .

— and with all _ your strength. —
 — and with all _ my strength. —

I will love _ you Lord, with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .

— and with all _ my strength. —

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.

You may be Seated

Prayers of the People

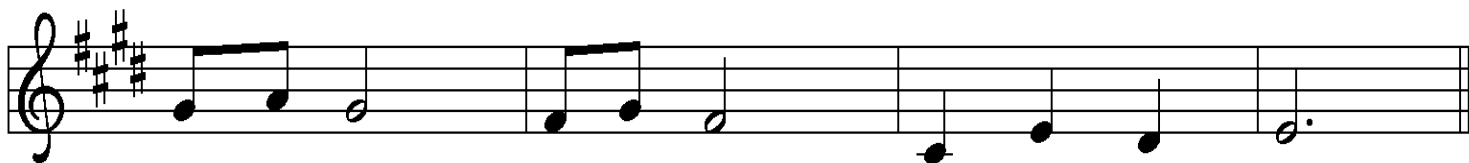
WA In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God of grace,

All: You hear our prayer.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory

You may be Seated



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:

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.

All Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Holy Communion

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 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.

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 The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

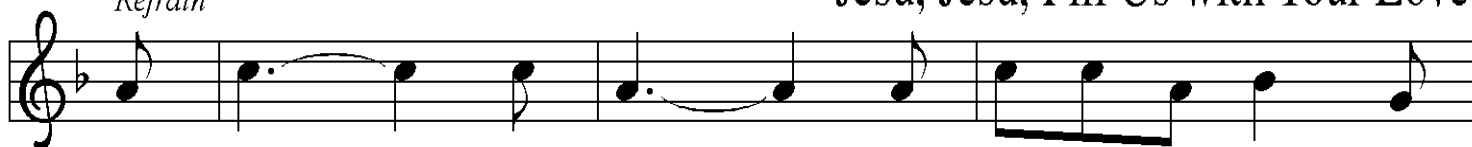
Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Communion Songs

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1	Kneels at the feet of his friends,	si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2	Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor,	var - ied in col - or and race,
3	These are the ones we will serve,	these are the ones we will love;
4	Kneel at the feet of our friends,	si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter	who	acts	as	a	slave	to	them.
neigh-bors	are	near - by	and	far	a - way.		
all these	are	neigh - bors	to	us	and	you.	
this is	the	way	we	will	live	with	you.

Let There Be Peace On Earth

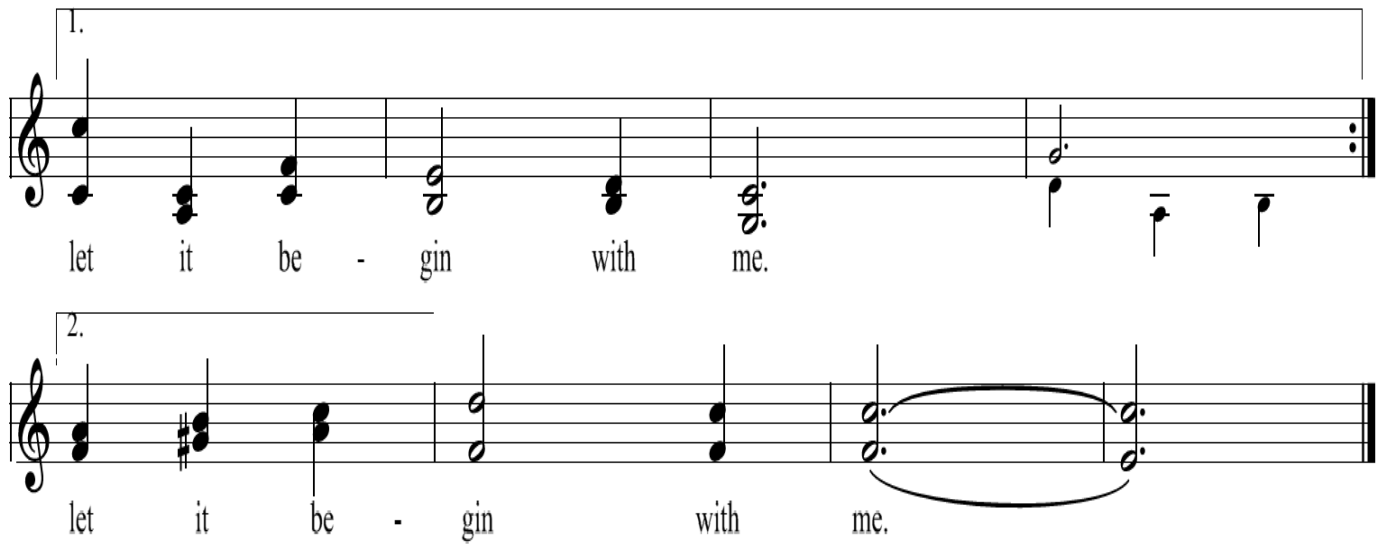
Words and Music by
Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

VERSE 1

1. Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with
me; Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was
meant to be. With God as our Fa - ther,
broth - ers all are we. Let me walk with my broth - er

VERSE 2

in per - fect har - mo - ny. 2. Let peace be -
-gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now. With
ev - ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow:
To take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e -
-ter - nal - ly. Let there be peace on earth and



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 Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

All Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.

All Amen.

Sending

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands

Verse 1

He's got the whole world in His hands (4x)

Verse 2

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands
He's got the child and teenager in His hands
He's got the young and older grown-ups in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

Verse 3

He's got the immigrant outsider in His hands
He's got the refugee from war-lands in His hands
He's got all who live in danger in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

Verse 4

He's calling you and me brother to be His hands
He's calling you and me sister to be His hands
He's calling all who love Jesus to be His hands
He's calling all of us to be His hands

Dismissal

WA Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday,
July 20th

First Reading:

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm:

Psalm 15

Second Reading:

Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel:

Luke 10:38-42

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