

## **GATHERING**

*In preparation for worship, you are invited to light a candle and to gather bread and wine/juice to celebrate Holy Communion. We also invite you to prepare a small container of oil (olive or vegetable oil work well) for our healing ritual.*

**PRELUDE** **Largo from Sonate in G minor by H. Eccles – Erin Hall Rhoades, cellist**

**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**GATHERING HYMN Healer of Our Every Ill 612**

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain
- 3 Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain
- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Refrain

**GREETING**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, 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.



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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Sarah and Becky Kneer**

**FIRST READING Psalm 13**

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

<sup>2</sup> How long must I bear pain in my soul,  
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

<sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

<sup>4</sup> and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";  
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

<sup>5</sup> But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL Matthew 15:29-31**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. <sup>30</sup> Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, <sup>31</sup> so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller**

**HYMN OF THE DAY How Long, O God 698**

1 "How long, O God?" the psalmist cries,  
a cry we make our own,  
for we are lost, alone, afraid,  
and far away from home.

2 The evil lurks within, without,  
it threatens to destroy  
the fragile cords that make us one,  
that bind our hearts in joy.

3 Your grace, O God, seems far away;  
will healing ever come?  
Our broken lives lie broken still;  
will night give way to dawn?

4 How can we hope? How can we sing?  
O God, set free our voice  
to name the sorrows, name the pain,  
that we might yet rejoice.

5 "How long, O God?" the psalmist cries,  
a cry we make our own.  
Though we are lost, alone, afraid,  
our God will lead us home.

**LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING FOR HEALING**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

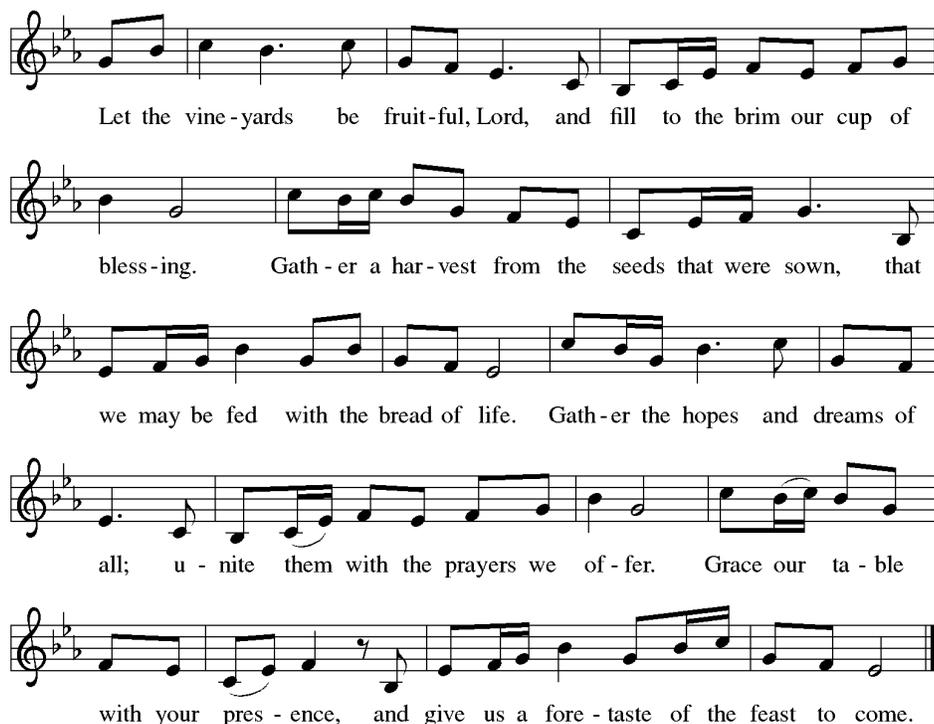
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**



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. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

## SENDING

## BENEDICTION

## BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

**SENDING HYMN Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song 808**

- 1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- 2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- 3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the family you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE Allegro from Sonate in G minor by H. Eccles Erin Hall Rhoades, cellist**

Prayer Concerns

Deb Johnson, Scott Mason, Alice Kennedy, Carolyn Barnhart, Steve Knutson,  
Marilyn Lee

In Thanksgiving

Joshua and Madeline Draeger who were married August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Patrick and Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan  
Kasunga Central, our sister parish in Malawi

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020

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