

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

*We welcome Dean Langby as our guest musician today. In preparation for worship, you are invited to light a candle and gather some bread and wine/juice in order to celebrate Holy Communion later in our worship.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

#### GATHERING HYMN    Earth and All Stars!    730 vs. 1,4,5

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

God has done marvelous things.  
I too sing praises with a new song!

4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

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### GREETING

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

### KID'S STORY TIME

## WORD

#### FIRST READING    Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us. A reading from Romans, chapter 13:*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL    Matthew 18:15-20**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 15“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON    Pastor Heather Wigdahl**

**HYMN OF THE DAY    Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song 808**

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

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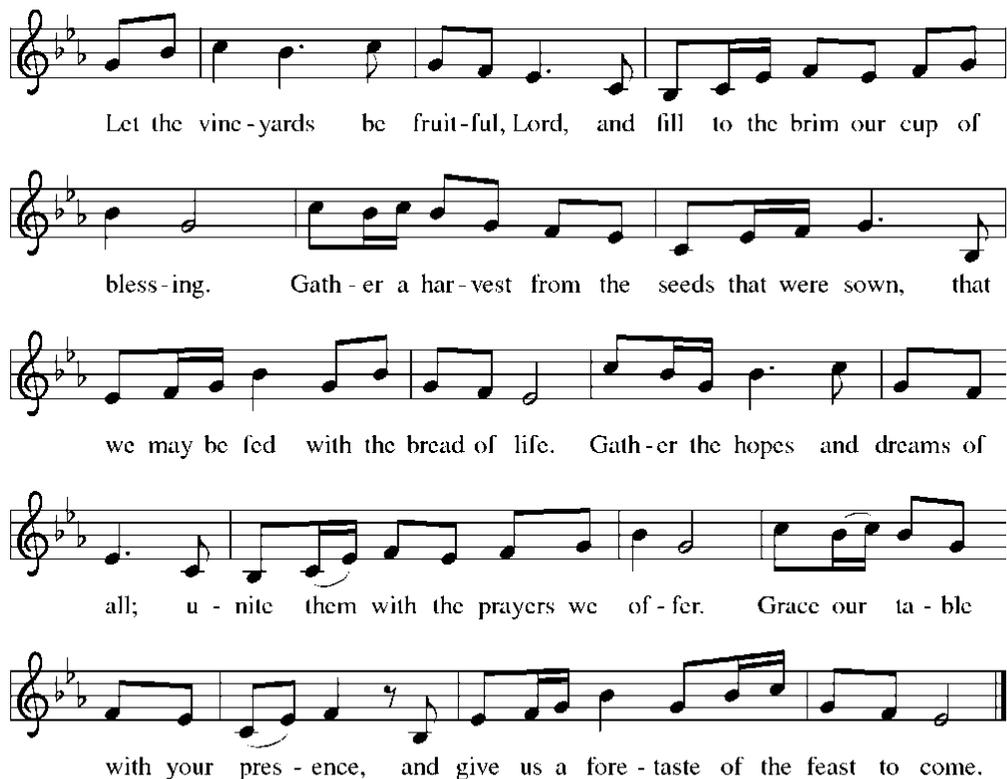
**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**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    Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee    836**

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| 1 | Joyful, joyful we adore thee,<br>God of glory, Lord of love!<br>Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,<br>praising thee, their sun above.<br>Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,<br>drive the gloom of doubt away.<br>Giver of immortal gladness,<br>fill us with the light of day. | flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,<br>chanting bird, and flowing fountain<br>call us to rejoice in thee. |   |
| 2 | All thy works with joy surround thee,<br>earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,<br>stars and angels sing around thee,<br>center of unbroken praise.<br>Field and forest, vale and mountain,  | 3   | Thou art giving and forgiving,<br>ever blessing, ever blest,<br>wellspring of the joy of living,<br>ocean-depth of happy rest!<br>Thou our Father, Christ our brother,<br>all who live in love are thine;<br>teach us how to love each other,<br>lift us to the joy divine! |

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

**DISMISSAL**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Deb Johnson, Alice Kennedy, Carolyn Barnhart, and Marilyn Lee

***In Thanksgiving***

Patrick and Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan  
Kasunga Central, our sister parish in Malawi