

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Canzonetta* **Laura Eller, bassoonist**

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN *O Christ, Our Hope* **604 vs. 1-4**

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| <p>1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
creation's mighty Lord,
redeemer of the fallen world,
by holy love outpoured,
by holy love outpoured:</p> <p>2 How vast your mercy to accept
the burden of our sin,
and bow your head in cruel death
to make us clean within,
to make us clean within.</p> | <p>3 But now the bonds of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;
you reign above at God's right hand,
in robes of light arrayed,
in robes of light arrayed.</p> <p>4 Oh, let your mighty love prevail
to purge us of our pride,
that we may stand before your throne
by mercy purified,
by mercy purified.</p> |
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Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-1876, adapt.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Denise Vick**

FIRST READING **Numbers 21:4-9**

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING **Ephesians 2:1-10**

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to your, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Heather Wigdahl

HYMN OF THE DAY *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* 779

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| <p>1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.</p> <p>2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!</p> <p>3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.</p> | <p>4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.</p> <p>5 When we've been there ten thousand
years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.</p> |
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- Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition we sing together, O Lord Hear My Prayer (ELW 751).

O Lord, Hear My Prayer
The Lord Is My Song

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1:
 O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
 or *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

System 2:
 O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.
 Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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SHARING THE PEACE**MEAL****OFFERING****OFFERTORY****Create in Me a Clean Heart**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERING PRAYER**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE****LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**Special Music:** *After a Dream* Laura Eller**POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND****SENDING****BENEDICTION****BRIEFING THE MINISTERS****SENDING HYMN** *There in God's Garden* 342 vs. 1-4

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| <p>1 There in God's garden
stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth
the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge,
Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.</p> <p>2 Its name is Jesus,
name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches
see the scars of suffering;
see where the tendrils
of our human selfhood
feed on its lifeblood.</p> <p>3 Thorns not its own</p> | <p>are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it,
our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! it lives!
its grief has not destroyed it
nor fire consumed it.</p> <p>4 See how its branches
reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says,
"Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness,
give me all your sorrow,
I will give blessing."</p> |
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DISMISSAL**POSTLUDE** *Thème De Concours* Laura EllerPrayer Concerns

Tim Eiden, Brad Waznik, Audric Buhr, Mary Busalacchi, Tim Lutz, Rosemary Achenbach (Linda Otto's mother), Bo Gabriel and Suzi Girolamo

In Sympathy

Stacey Siegle and her family in the death of her father, Dennis Oeltjenbruns
The Wigdahl family and Christikon community in the death of Bob Quam, former Director of Christikon

In Thanksgiving

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