

GATHERING

PRELUDE **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – Marni Waznik, piano**

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN **Restore in Us, O God** **328**

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| <p>1 Restore in us, O God,
 the splendor of your love;
 renew your image in our hearts,
 and all our sins remove.</p> <p>2 O Spirit, wake in us
 the wonder of your pow'r;
 from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
 like springtime bud and flow'r.</p> | <p>3 Bring us, O Christ, to share
 the fullness of your joy;
 baptize us in the risen life
 that death cannot destroy.</p> <p>4 Three-personed God, fulfill
 the promise of your grace,
 that we, when all our searching ends,
 may see you face to face.</p> |
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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSASGE **Denise Vick**

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts. A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Return to the Lord

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 12:20-33

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller****HYMN OF THE DAY Now the Green Blade Rises 379**

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| <p>1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
 wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
 love lives again, that with the dead has been;
 love is come again like wheat arising green.</p> | <p>2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
 thinking that he would never wake again;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
 love is come again like wheat arising green.</p> |
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3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

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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*

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.*

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

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING**OFFERTORY Create in Me a Clean Heart****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.

The musical score is written on five staves in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER *Sarah*

SENDING

BENEDICTION

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

SENDING HYMN In the Cross of Christ I Glory 324

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| <p>1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.</p> <p>2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.</p> | <p>3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.</p> <p>4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.</p> |
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Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Compassion Hymn, Marni Waznik, piano

Prayer Concerns

Lola Thompson, Violet Solsaa (Arvin Solsaa's mother), Tim Lutz, Suzi Girolamo, Bo Gabriel,
Rosemary Achenbach, (Linda Otto's mother) and Mary Busalacchi

In Thanksgiving

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