

GATHERING**PRELUDE** Sam Weaver and Dale Freberg – Guitar**WELCOME***In preparation for worship, light a candle, gather bread and wine/juice to celebrate Holy Communion;***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS****GATHERING HYMN** Holy God, Holy and Glorious 637:1,2,4

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| <p>1 Holy God, holy and glorious,
glory most sublime,
you come as one among us
into human time,
and we behold your glory.</p> <p>2 Holy God, holy and powerful,
power without peer,
you bend to us in weakness;</p> | <p>emptied you draw near,
and we behold your power.</p> <p>4 Holy God, holy and only wise,
wisdom of great price,
you choose the way of folly:
God the crucified,
and we behold your wisdom.</p> |
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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**WORD****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Denise Vick**FIRST READING** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 2:13-22

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller****HYMN OF THE DAY Built on a Rock 652:1-3**

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.
- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.

Yet he who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.

- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. 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

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**

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 God the Sculptor of the Mountains 736**

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| <p>1 God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation,
we are formless; shape us now.</p> <p>2 God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
you are fount of all deliv'rance,
we are sightless; lead us now.</p> | <p>3 God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at ev'ry table,
we are hungry; feed us now.</p> <p>4 God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet,
God the resurrected truth:
you are present ev'ry moment,
we are searching; meet us now.</p> |
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE You Gotta Know – Sam Weaver and Dale Freberg**Prayer Concerns**

Tim Eiden, Suzi Girolamo, Mary Busalacchi, Brad Waznik, and Audric Buhr

In Sympathy

The Siegle Family at the death of Stacey's father, Dennis Oeltjenbruns
Friends and family of Michael Bonn

In Thanksgiving

Kroy Thomas Surdick, baptized on February 28, 2021
Patrick and Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan
Kasunga Central, our sister parish in Malawi