

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Beloved, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Jesus prepares a place for us, Jesus brings us close to him, Jesus answers us even in our unbelief.

ALL: We are God's own people. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*GLORIA PATRI

#581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Katie Long

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 7:55-60 **P.118**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Peter 2:2-10 **P.219**

ONE: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 14:1-14 **P.102**

SERMON *Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

*SERMON HYMN: I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art **#624**

COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Confession of 1967, 9.22*

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.** **#306**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

The One

Craig Courtney
Text: Susan Bentall Boersma

On the swiftest wings of morning, from the highest King of Heaven,
Comes a holy invitation to a feast.
Interceding for His children, at the right hand of the Father,
He invites us all, the most unto the least.
The One who knows your name has bid you, "Come."
The One who bore your shame, God's only Son,
Has prepared a celebration as a gift from God above;
A sacrament of peace, a feast of love.
Gather now around God's table, feel the splendor of the Savior,
As He serves the fragrant bread and pours the wine.
Then in grateful adoration of His blood and body given,
Praise the One who offers us the feast divine.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

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**ALL: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

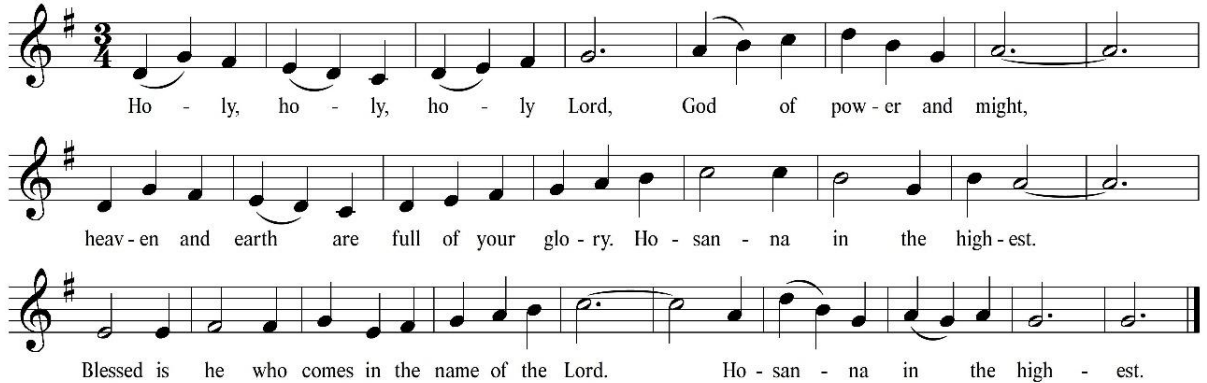
ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: ...Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

ONE: ...Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN:** I Come with Joy

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***BENEDICTION**

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