



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Ordinary Time

May 26 - July 21, 2024



If you would like to keep this bulletin, please feel free to do so. However, they will be reused each Sunday throughout this season so, if you do not wish to keep it, please return the bulletin to the table near the entrance. Thank you.

THE TABLE'S GOD GIVEN PURPOSE:

As followers of Jesus, we are guided by the Holy Spirit to affirm God's unconditional love and grace for all people by advocating for, serving and walking with one another and our neighbors.

OUR VISION

is to experience and extend God's transforming love by—

- Being in relationship with God, set free to share God's grace.
- Building authentic relationships within our faith community and with our neighbors through accompaniment and service.
- Aspiring to love like Jesus.
- Growing in faith through spiritual practices including worship, Bible study and prayer.
- Extending genuine hospitality, especially to the marginalized, those who have been hurt by the church and those who do not know God's love.
- Educating ourselves and others, advocating for, and implementing practices grounded in social justice.

BULLETIN ICONS can help you navigate the worship service:



indicates that the congregation will be speaking. The words that will be said together are printed in **bold** on your bulletin or on the worship supplement.



indicates a time of prayer.



indicates a song to sing together.



indicates a time for quiet listening.



indicates a time when you may be asked to move around the worship space. The worship leader will give more instructions when it's time to move.

- * an asterisk indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit for this portion of the worship service.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God whispers to each of us: you are my beloved, created in love for love.

All: My spirit answers, Here I am, Lord. Speak to me anew.

One: God has yet more vision for the people. Who will work for God to extend God's kingdom, into our hurting world?

All: Here we are Lord. Empower us for your work.

One: God calls the small, and helps them do great things. God calls the weak, and reveals their hidden gifts. God calls the rejected, and opens their eyes to their worth.

All: Here we are Lord, humble and waiting.

One: Then let us gather, old and young, small and great, to dream God's dreams, receive God's power, and do God's deeds.

All: Here we are Lord. Shine the light of your love on us. Kindle your Spirit within us.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

One: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Let us come before God with humble hearts and confess our sins.

All: Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith. Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction. Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to

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feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love. Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith. Forgive us, holy maker of reality. Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.

(Pause for silent, personal confession and reflection)

One: Our creator, the loving maker of all reality, forgives us and redeems us. God sows the good news in tiny seeds, inviting us to tend the soil of community, and marvel as they grow. In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG** 

(printed on the weekly worship supplement)

***GREETING** 

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**  

(printed on the weekly worship supplement)

***SHARING GOD'S PEACE** 

SCRIPTURE READING 

(printed on the weekly worship supplement)

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children are encouraged to take a cushion from beside the pulpit and join the pastor on the floor up front to learn more about today's Bible story)

SERMON

*SERMON SONG

(printed on the weekly worship supplement)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(adapted from "God's Work of Art" by Rev. David Inglis)

One: Please join me in our litany of affirmation:

We are God's work of art—
each one of us a precious gem,
a marvelous melody,
a potter's delight.

**All: We are God's handiwork—
woven together in love,
shaped with infinite compassion,
painted with incredible beauty.**

One: We are the church of Jesus Christ—
diverse in human qualities,
but united in our call to love God
with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

**All: We are the Body of Christ—
living in his truth, sharing his peace,
carrying his hope, embodying his love,
throughout the world he loved so much.**

(affirmation continues on the next page)

One: We are here to be reminded once more who we are,
whose we are and what our lives are about.

**All: We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered
to live out the miracle of who we are,
by the power of God working in and among us.
We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together

**All: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very
self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been
sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be
what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION
& THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE** 

One: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

(Please come forward to receive the elements. Take a cup from the tray then proceed to the pastor to receive the bread and the communion assistant to receive the wine. If you would prefer, there are also sealed, pre-packaged wafer and juice combination cups on the tray. If you are not able to come forward but would like communion, please signal to the pastor or the communion assistant and we will be glad to bring it to you at your seat.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION 

One: Let us pray

All: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

One: May God be with you and speak through you;

May Christ Jesus be one with you and raise you to life;

And may the Holy Spirit dwell within you and make you holy.

All: Amen.

***SENDING SONG** 

(printed on the weekly worship supplement)

***SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD** 

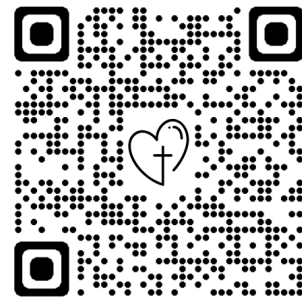
One: God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others. We go out to follow Jesus in the world – to show and tell the good news of God to everyone.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord!*

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