

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

OCTOBER 6TH, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING OF BIBLE

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

GATHERING and PRAISE

(* Please stand if able)

GREETING: God is good. All the time.
All the time. God is good.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE
LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Today, we gather to praise, to pray and to remember

**We come to your table with our Christian
siblings from around the globe,**

With bread and wine, unite us, O God.

We gather in solidarity with the faithful of every
continent,

With bread and wine, unite us, O God.

We gather as disciples of Jesus the Christ to hear
words of truth, compassion and justice.

With bread and wine, unite us, O God.

We gather in the tradition of the saints to be
strengthened to serve faithfully.

With bread and wine, unite us, O God.

Come let us worship!

OPENING PRAYER (*responsively*)

Spirit of the Living God, who gathers the church into
one body; we gather again in Christ's name to worship
you.

**Make us aware of your presence in what
we say, do, and dream.**

Strengthen the ties of faith and affection that hold us
together as your people here in this place and around
the world.

**Strengthen us for love and service, we pray.
Amen.**

***HYMN** VU #574

"Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Loving God, we come to you this morning,
confessing the sins of our hearts and minds that
create broken fellowship.

**You have called us to communion within your
church throughout the world, and you command
that we live out the grace of forgiveness.**

**Help us grasp your idea of perfection, which is for
us to love one another,**

**To live peacefully, to be considerate of each other,
and to be filled with thanks for the life we share in
Christ.**

**Forgive us, we pray, when our efforts at perfection
directly oppose your own.**

**By your Holy Spirit, turn our minds and hearts to
you so that we may know, desire, and do your will.
Amen.**

*Carol E. Bayma, Royster Memorial
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WORDS OF GRACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2: 1 – 11

REFLECTION *"The Table of Grace"*

SPECIAL MUSIC

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Peace of Christ be with you.

Peace be with you.

INVITATION

***HYMN** VU #459 (vs1-3)

"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

REMEMBERING JESUS

..... We remember Christ's perfect love and life and thankfully give our lives back to you, God, as holy, living sacrifices. Receive the gift of our lives together with Christ's gifts for us as we speak the Truth about our faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(unison)*

We thank you, God, for the gifts you have given us: for the bread of life, for the wine of our joy, for our journey together as people ready to do the work of love and justice. Renew us in this meal and help us to remember we are Christ's Church. May we be bread and wine for each other and the world. Use your Holy Spirit to unite us with Christ and with each other so that we can care for the world until Christ comes again and we all join around his table as one family in perfect love. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING INVITATION

(Collection Plates at each entrance)

**Please Stand for the Offering Hymn*

"What Can I Give"

Sung Response (2 times)

*What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)*

Teach us, God, to offer the very best of who we are in the service of your will through the mission of this church: may we offer hope, joy, and reconciliation in the world so much in need. Receive what we give for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen

**HYMN VU #459 (vs 4, 5)*

"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION*

**Sending forth HYMN MV#216*

"Wherever You May Go"

*Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.*

Please remain standing until Bible is closed

POSTLUDE * * * * *

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