



# Order of Worship

May 28th, 2017



## *Parish Sunday* (Parishioner Led Service)

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# LITURGY

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† PRELUDE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

† PRAYER OF APPROACH

Lector: We have come together as one this day.

*People: One people, gathered in the name of God.*

Lector: We will worship here, together as one.

*People: One community, gathered in the name of God.*

Lector: Behold, we have one Lord, one faith, one baptism and Father above.

*People: A Father Who is all in all, and builds us up in faith and hope.*

**ALL: O Gracious God and Father of all, bind us together with chords of love. Make us one with You and one another, as we praise Your name with angels above. To You be the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

† SONG OF APPROACH      “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*words by Walter C. Smith, 1867; music by John Roberts, 1839 (Indelible Grace)*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
Most Blessed, most Glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, Victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

WELCOME

†PRAYER OF ADORATION / THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: Gracious Father, we have traveled through many waters  
to reach this place, but share one baptism; we arrive from  
different backgrounds and traditions, yet share one faith;  
we are, each of us, unique and precious to You, and  
members of one Body; we have different dreams and doubts,  
yet our hearts beat with one hope; we are graced with different  
gifts, so we may offer them in service to one Lord. Father  
equip us for the work of ministry, as we pray the prayer Christ  
taught us, saying,

**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, and the power, and the glory,**

**Forever and ever. Amen.**

## † SONG OF ADORATION

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee!”

*words by H. van Dyke, 1907; music by L. van Beethoven, 1824 (Indelible Grace)*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
 God of glory, Lord of love;  
 Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
 Opening to the sun above.  
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
 Drive the dark of doubt away;  
 Giver of immortal gladness,  
 Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
 Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
 Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
 Center of unbroken praise.  
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
 Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
 Singing bird and flowing fountain  
 Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
 Ever blessing, ever blessed,  
 Wellspring of the joy of living,  
 Ocean depth of happy rest!  
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
 All who live in love are Thine;  
 Teach us how to love each other,  
 Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,  
 Which the morning stars began;  
 Father love is reigning over us,  
 Brother love binds man to man.  
 Ever singing, march we onward,  
 Victors in the midst of strife,  
 Joyful music leads us Sunward  
 In the triumph song of life.

## † CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, let us confess our sins together saying:

**ALL:** God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of Your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be Your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. And strengthen this Church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

(Confess in silence)

## † SONG OF CONFESSION

“There Is One Lord”

*words by Taize Community; music by Jacques Berthier, 1999*

*CHORUS: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
 There is one God, Who is Father of all (2x)*

Cantor (Verse 1): Bear with one another in love and charity, be humble,  
 be patient, be selfless, be as one. [CHORUS]

Cantor (Verse 2): There is one Body, there is one Spirit, there is one  
 Hope to which we are called. [CHORUS]

## † CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Forgiveness is a free gift of God the Father in Jesus Christ,  
and as His beloved children we receive it and remember....

**ALL:** Christ died for us! Christ rose for us! Christ reigns for us!  
Christ prays for us! In Him we are on body! And in Him we  
are forgiven and made righteous! Thanks be to God!

## † CONFESSION OF FAITH

### Apostles Creed

Lector: Let us confess our faith together saying:

**ALL:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead;  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And He is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic Church,  
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
**Amen.**

\* The word *catholic* means “universal” (not the Church of Rome),  
and shows that the Gospel and Body of Christ have been, are, and  
will always be for all people.

## † PASSING OF PEACE

Lector: Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you!

*People: And also with you!*

Lector: Please take this time to offer the peace of Christ to those  
around you.

## † SONG OF PEACE

### “As the Deer”

*words and music by Martin Nystrom, 1984*

As the deer panteth for the water,  
So my soul longeth after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship You.  
*[CHORUS]*  
*You alone are my strength, my shield,*  
*To You alone may my spirit yield.*  
*You alone are my heart's desire,*  
*And I long to worship You.*

You're my friend and You are my brother,  
Even though You are a king.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything.  
*[CHORUS]*

I love You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver,  
And the apple of my eye.  
*[CHORUS]*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Psalm 133 and 134 (ESV)

*When Brothers Dwell In Unity/Come, Bless the Lord*

Lector: Children of God and friends of Christ, hear these words from the book of Psalms:

**133** Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

<sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!

<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.

**134** Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup> Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!

<sup>3</sup> May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
He who made heaven and earth

Leader: This is the Word of God for you, the people of God.

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

## Ephesians 4:1-14 (ESV)

*Unity in the Body of Christ*

Leader: And now friends, a second reading from the book of Ephesians. Listen and hear the Word of God:

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

<sup>9</sup> (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Leader: This too is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## MESSAGE

Karsten Risseuw

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

The offering is a way for those in our community to support its mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.

## + DOXOLOGY

words by Thomas Ken, 1674; music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## + CALL TO THANKSGIVING

*(The people circle around the Communion Table)*

Leader: We gather around this Table to offer up our thanks to God, and like those before us, in the early Church, I greet you in His grace and love. Friends, the Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them up to the Lord.*

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

*People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

## + LITANY OF THANKSGIVING / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and Awesome, and for the seen and unseen splendours;

*People: We give You thanks, O Lord.*

Leader: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

*People: We give You thanks, O Lord.*

Lector: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labour, and for exchanges of laughter and encouragement;

*People: We give You thanks, O Lord.*

Leader: For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared, and for secrets kept in patience and love;

*People: We give You thanks, O Lord.*

Lector: For family; for living together and eating together, and for family amusements and family pleasures;

*People: We give You thanks, O Lord.*

Leader: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness, and for their sudden sympathies;

*People: We give You thanks, O Lord.*

Lector: For the young; for their high hopes; for their struggles with their elders; for their search for freedom, and for their solemn vows;

*People: We give You thanks, O Lord.*

Leader: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure, and for time made precious by its passing;

*People: We give You thanks, O Lord.*

Lector: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases, and for preserving us in temptation and danger;

*People: We give You thanks, O Lord.*

† Leader: For the Church into which we have been called; for the Good News we receive, for our life together in the bonds of love, and for those at Open Arms Church in Volketswil, who are mourning the loss of their pastor, Demitri Betts.

*People: We give You thanks, O Lord.*

Lector: For Your Holy Spirit, Who makes us one, guides our steps, brings us the gifts of faith, hope, and love, and Who strengthens us in every condition;

*People: We give You thanks, O Lord.*

Leader: And above all these things, for Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in Him, and for the joy of serving Him;

*People: We give You thanks, O Lord.*

Lector: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

*People: His love endures forever!*

**ALL: Amen.**

## † SONG OF THANKSGIVING

## “God In My Living”

*words and music by Tim Hughs, 2005*

God in my living, there in my breathing  
 God in my waking, God in my sleeping  
 God in my resting, there in my working  
 God in my thinking, God in my speaking

*Be my everything, be my everything (2x)*

God in my hoping, there in my dreaming  
 God in my watching, God in my waiting  
 God in my laughing, there in my weeping  
 God in my hurting, God in my healing

*Be my everything, be my everything (2x)*

Christ in me, Christ in me  
 Christ in me, the hope of glory  
 You are everything

Christ in me, Christ in me  
 Christ in me, the hope of glory  
 Be my everything

*Be my everything, be my everything (2x)*

## PRAYER OF SENDING

Lector: Gracious Father, in Whom the family in heaven and on earth is named, grant unto us your heavenly benediction as this time of worship nears its end. Lord send us out sow love where there is hatred; pardon where there is injury; faith where there is doubt; hope where there us despair; light where there is darkness; and joy where these is sadness. And as we go forth into a restless world may we console other as You console us, understand others as You understand us, care for others as you care for us, and love others as You love us. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## + SONG OF SENDING

## "We Are One In The Spirit"

*words and music by , 1966*

We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.  
 We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.  
 And we pray that all unity may one day be restored  
 [CHURCH]

*And they'll know we are Christians  
 By our love, By our love  
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
 By our love*

We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.  
 We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.  
 And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
 [CHURCH]

We will work with each other. We will work side by side.  
 We will work with each other. We will work side by side.  
 And we'll guard each man's dignity, and save each man's pride.  
 [CHURCH]

All praise to the Father from whom all things come.  
 And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son.  
 And all praise to the Spirit, Who makes us one.  
 [CHURCH]



† **BENEDICTION****Blessing of St. Jude**

Leader: And now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling,  
 And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory  
 with exceeding joy,  
 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty,  
 Dominion and power,  
 Both now and ever.  
 And let us sing together....

† **CONGREGATIONAL AMEN****Threefold (Danish) Amen**

A - men. A - men. A - men.