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Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

As we come here to worship the God of all love let us turn our hearts back to God, confessing our sins in this gathered community

Silence for reflection

God of all love, we confess that too often we forget that all whom you have created are known and adored by you. We have sought to divide rather than unite, judge rather than understand, hurt rather than help. Forgive our lack of compassion and concern. Teach us again to live a life that shares your abundant love with all so that the world might be reconciled to you and transformed by your love.

God hears you beloved. Out of God's abundant love for you your sins are forgiven in the + name of God the creator, Jesus our Savior and the Holy Spirit our guide and our advocate. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All who are baptized in these waters are known and named beloved by the God who created us. We are sought out by the love of God that desires relationship with us. **We encounter Jesus through lives lived faithfully and baptismal promises shared.** Jesus too was baptized and found well-pleasing by God. **May these holy waters daily transform our hearts and minds to remember that God is love; a love that is for us, for the world and for all of creation.** Amen.

Opening Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth LBW 561

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
(refrain)
'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r
Sun and Moon and stars of light (refrain)
For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child.
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild. (refrain)
For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given.
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n. (refrain)
For thy church that evermore

Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love. (refrain)
For the Fruit of All Creation WOV 760
For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to evr'y nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are
sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.
For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all
inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the
truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of life, you made love known to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus sought the searching, lived a ministry of hope and healing, shared God's peace and transformed the world into a place where love is always possible. Ready our hearts now to be reminded of what love is as we worship you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song [Known - \[Lyric Video\] Tauren Wells](#)

Welcome the Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:18-27

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, 'Who do the crowds say that I am?' They answered, 'John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered, 'The Messiah of God.'

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, 'The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.'

Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.'

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Praise to the Lord the Almighty LBW 543

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation

O my soul praise him for he is your health and salvation

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near joining in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who over all things is wondrously reigning
and as on wings of an eagle uplifting sustaining

Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining

Praise to the Lord who will prosper your work and defend you

Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you

Ponder anew what the almighty can do if with his love he befriend you

Praise to the Lord oh let all that is in me adore him
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him
Let the amen sound from his people again gladly forever adore him

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession **God of grace, Receive our prayer**

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Offering Prayer

Generous, life-giving God, we return to you that which you have entrusted to our care. Make these offerings a tangible sign of your love in the world. As we place them before you, O God, your place your Son before us at this holy table. Love is surely present here. We give you all our thanks and praise. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

Since God is love Jesus became love in this world. As he was known and sought out by those looking for hope and healing, he shared a transforming love with all whom he befriended. One night, during his final meal with his closest followers, Jesus took bread...

That last supper Jesus shared with his friends became the everlasting supper that Jesus shares now with each of us. Send your Holy Spirit into this wheat and wine so that it may become Christ's body and life blood for all who eat and drink of it. Make us ready to humbly receive it as we boldly pray the words that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

**God of love, Jesus has become known to us in the bread and cup.
May this holy meal strengthen us to share your love with the
world, a love that transforms lives in the sacred name of Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

Blessing

**Beloved and blessed ones, we have lived and shared the love of God
in this place. Now go from here remembering you are**

**+ Known by God who created you
Sought by Jesus who saved you and
Transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Go My Children With My Blessing WOV 721

**Go, my children, with my blessing, Never
alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my
own.**

**In my love's baptismal river. I have made you
mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing – You are
my own.**

Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

**Here you learned how much I love you, What I
can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son's story; Here you
touched him, saw his
glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and
pure.**

Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and
free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his
tender comfort stilled
you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and
free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you
peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior,
Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you and give you
peace.

Dismissal God is love. You are loved. Go now in love.
Thanks be to God!