

Order of Service
October 2, 2022

Candle-Lighting

Welcome & announcements

- * Land Acknowledgement
- * Celebrations & Concerns
- * Birthdays & Anniversaries
- * Dedication of the Offering

Call to worship (*based on the 10 Commandments*) All put God first

Give worth to the one who gives worth to you.
Use God's name with respect and love.

All Spend time thinking about God.

Honour and love your whole family.
Live towards other people with love and generosity.
Find the richness in faithfulness towards others.

All Celebrate what you have

rather than dwell on what you don't.
Speak well of others and truthfully to yourself.

All Why get down about what others have when you can share
what you have with others?

Family of God, from whom does our help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8***

Opening prayer and confession

Faithful God,
(Minister continues with Prayer)

**God of mercy,
we confess that we have often failed to speak and act with
kindness.**

We have not always cared for others as you care for us. We have not

welcomed others
as we have been welcomed to your table,
nor have we forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We remember the
good not done,
kind words not spoken, and things we regret. If only we could
make these things right!
Hear our silent confession and forgive us.
(*Silent Prayer*)

Assurance of pardon & 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 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.

Hymn: Immortal, invisible God only wise

VU 264

1

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.

2

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.

3

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

Greeting Christ in All of Us - Passing the Peace

The Ministry of Music

Children's hymn: Praise our maker, people of one family

VU 316

1

Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:
God is love, God is love!
Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:
God is love, God is love!

2

Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:
God is love, God is love!
Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:
God is love, God is love!

3

Care for others, children of the Spirit:
God is love, God is love!
Care for others, children of the Spirit:
God is love, God is love!

A time for all God's children

Today's bible story: Philippians 3: 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: Circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ

Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

May God bless to our understanding this reading of Holy Scripture. Amen

Sermon “Lost-ness and Found-ness”

The Lord's Supper (*Tune: VU 389*)

1. May the Lord our God be with you.

May God also be with you.

Let us lift our hearts and voices.

Yes! We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks and praise to
God almighty, Lord of Love.

**Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled**

2. We give thanks to you Creator mater of the heavens and earth,

**You have formed us in your image,
breathed into us holy breath.**

With your people on the earth and
all the company of heaven

Now we life your holy name and join their unending hymn:

**3. Holy, Holy God of power,
heaven and earth are full of thee**

Blessed is the one you sent.

Hosannah in the highest praise!

Holy are you, and most blessed

Is your Son, Lord Jesus Christ.

Through your Spirit you anointed

Him to be our saving grace.

Spoken Prayer of Consecration (Minister):

On the same night that he was betrayed, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying: "Drink this; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

4. By baptism in his suffering, death, and resurrection life

You gave birth to Christ's new body,
Spirit born and water blessed

**You delivered us from wrong,
from our slavery to sin,
And have made of us new creatures
Now the church tells out its faith.**

5. In remembrance of these acts,
We give ourselves in thanks and praise.

**Holy living sacrifices,
we proclaim faith's mysteries:**
"Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again one day."

**Pour your Holy Spirit on us,
Gathered in this place today.**

**6. Through your Son, our Saviour Jesus, With the Holy
Spirit's power,
May the Church that you created
Honour you in every hour.
Yours the glory, yours the kingdom,
All who live in love are thine,
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.**

Communion

Benediction