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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

September 12, 2021

10:30am

Rally Day!

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion

PRELUDE "Guide My Feet"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be rich in faith, says the God who gives us life.

We trust in God, who is faithful to us.

Be strong in spirit, says the God who carries us through life.

We trust in God, who surrounds us with love.

Be generous to one another, says the God of abundant grace.

We trust in God, who is the giver of every gift.

Be steadfast in your lives, says the God of wisdom.

We trust in God, who endures forever.

GATHERING THOUGHT

“In ‘problem-posing’ education, people develop their power to perceive critically the way *they* exist in the world with which and in which they find themselves; they come to see the world not as a static reality, but as a reality in process, in transformation.” Paolo Freire, *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*

HYMN: #826 “Lift High the Cross”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us use our voices to declare those things we have said and done that have separated us from God and from each other, that we may experience God’s mercy and receive God’s forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who loves us, you have always given us what we need. You have taken care of us, even when we could not take care of ourselves. You give us life and breath. Why do we still doubt you? Why do we still go our own way, rebelling against you? Why do we insist on getting our own way? God, we have hurt ourselves and others by being so fiercely independent. Give us courage enough to place our trust in you. Through the constant presence of the Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *Ps. 19:7–8*

The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, and it enlightens the eyes.

Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, the living Word, we are forgiven. Live in peace!

PASSING OF THE PEACE #448 “Peace of God Be with You”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Proverbs 1:20-33

Mark 8:27-38

SERMON:

The Rev. Leslie Latham

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

OFFERING "Jesus Loves Me."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of wisdom, may this offering serve as a powerful witness to this world in need. Guide us as we administer the gifts that you have given us for the building of your kingdom. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: #726 “The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)”

CHARGE

Take up your cross and follow Jesus. Do not be afraid of what may come.
You lose what you wish to safeguard
only by holding onto it with too great a desperation.
Set your mind on what Christ Jesus has done.

BENEDICTION