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IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Thank you for joining us today. Whether you've worshipped with us before or this is your first time, we want you to know that you are welcome. As Christians we recognize that each of us comes to worship just as we are. God loves us and so we love others, no expectations, no judgment, only acceptance grace, and love.

(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation.)

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders.

WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Pastor: Gary Schaeffer

Director of Music: John Warfel

Assistant Director of Music: Nancy Walters

Worship assistant: Penny Ulmer

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Cuff and Sharon Greiner
Communion Asst: Rich Handy and Rick Coup
Worship Setup: Carol Yost

GATHERING MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING
BAPTISMAL SONG: "Come, All You People"

Come, All You People *Uyaimose*



Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water— The West Branch of the Susquehanna Watershed, the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing. We praise you, O God, for water.

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We praise you, O God, for our water stories—a flood that cleansed the earth, the sea that drowned the enemy, a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water.

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We remember the waters of Jesus—baptized in the Jordan River, calming the Sea of Galilee, drinking from Jacob's Well, healing at the pool of Bethesda, washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

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As we gather for worship today, we remember how you connect each of us to another in time and place. In this place, where people have gathered for thousands of years beginning with the Susquehannock tribe, then the first immigrants in what would become Milton, to today where people of all different

backgrounds, traditions, and beliefs gather for worship. You bring us together in remembrance of our baptism. We praise you, O God, for baptism.

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- O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.
- O God, you are the River, saving us from death.
- O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God,

today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen, and amen.

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OPENING

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.



Give glory to God, our light, and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

HYMN: ELW 853 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 8:26-39

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they

found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

SERMON

HYMN: ELW 611 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Prayers of Intercession

Unite your people with Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace, *hear our prayer*.

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers,

conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace, *hear our prayer*.

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace, *hear our prayer*.

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick. Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace, *hear our prayer*.

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace, *hear our prayer.*

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace, *hear our prayer.*

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. *Amen.*

Let My Prayer Be a Fragrant Offering



Let my prayer be a fra-grant of-fer-ing, as in-cense to you a - rise.



Let my prayer be a fra-grant of - fer-ing, my hands lift-ed up in praise.



- 1 O Lord, I call to you,
- 2 Please watch my lips, O Lord,
- 3 My eyes are turned to you,

come quick - ly to my side. and guard the words I say.

O Lord, my liv - ing God.



Lord, please hear voice; lis - ten when my cry. Please turn sin my heart to you; chase my way. look help; faith - ful for be rock. to you my

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, as we gather around this table to receive the gift of your grace, we offer ourselves to you. All we have, everything we are, and everything we will be, comes from you. We give you thanks, offer our time, gifts, and resources as people of God. Moved by your Spirit we ask that these gifts may be instruments of your love as we seek to love others. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your heart.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God most mighty,

O God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child.

When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city.

With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given to you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. *Amen.*

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

- O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
- O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
- O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
- O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.
- O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

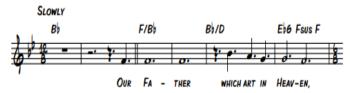
Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

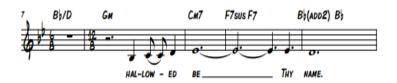
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Lord's Prayer

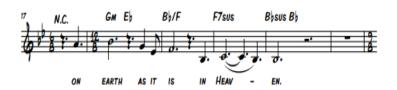
THE LORD'S PRAYER

BY ALBERT H. MALOTTE











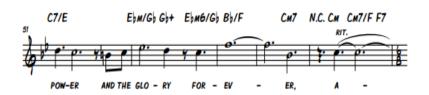






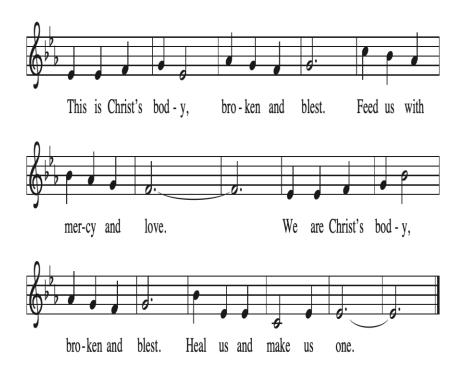








This Is Christ's Body



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Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ

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COMMUNION

The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG: "Bread of Life from Heaven"

Bread of Life from Heaven



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COMMUNION BLESSING

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSING

May the God of creation bless our community, may Jesus the Savior open our hearts to all, may the Holy Spirit empower us with faith, creativity and stewardship to live and serve as people of God now and forever.

Amen

HYMN: ELW 681 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

SENDING

Together we at the Milton Lutheran Church Foster community through faith, love, and service. Go forth in faith, to live out our mission. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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