

Building Blocks of Faith

*"19 comes before 20 – God goes
first"*

Summer series – 6

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Preludes: *Lord of the Dance*
Wheaton Variations (1995)

American Folk Hymn
Michael Fetzer



Purpose Statement

Our Savior calls us into mission. Let us say together the purpose we share:

***A Christ-Centered Church
Sharing Faith, Hope, and Love
with each other, our neighbors, and the world.***

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Welcome and Announcements



Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.



Gathering Hymns

This Land is Your Land

Woody Guthrie

Refrain:

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California to the New York island,

From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters;
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway;
I saw below me that golden valley;
This land was made for you and me. *Refrain*

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;
And all around me a voice was sounding;
This land was made for you and me. *Refrain*

This is My Song

ELW 887



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.



Mostly Children's Time

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Verse of the Month: John 1:1

Let us remember the witness of Scripture as we say our verse of the month together:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.



First Reading: Exodus 19:1-6

Arrival at Mount Sinai

19 On exactly the third-month anniversary of the Israelites' leaving the land of Egypt, they came into the Sinai desert. **2** They traveled from Rephidim, came into the Sinai desert, and set up camp there. Israel camped there in front of the mountain **3** while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him from the mountain, "This is what you should say to Jacob's household and declare to the Israelites: **4** You saw what I did to the Egyptians, and how I lifted you up on eagles' wings and brought you to me. **5** So now, if you faithfully obey me and stay true to my covenant, you will be my most precious possession out of all the peoples, since the whole earth belongs to me. **6** You will be a kingdom of priests for me and a holy nation. These are the words you should say to the Israelites."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel Acclamation: Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

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All
Come, O Ho-ly Spir-it, come,
Wa wa wa E-mi-mi-mo,

Leader
Ho-ly Spir-it, come.
E-mi-o-lo-ye.

All
Come, al-might-y Spir-it,
Wa wa wa A-lag-ba-

Leader
come,
ra,
al-might-y Spir-it, come.
A-lag-ba-ra-me-ta.

All
Come, come,
Wa-o wa-o

Leader
come.
wa-o.
O Spir-it, come.
E-mi-mi-mo.

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Gospel: John 1:1-5

The holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Story of the Word

- ¹ In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
- ² The Word was with God in the beginning.
- ³ Everything came into being through the Word,
and without the Word
nothing came into being.
What came into being
- ⁴ through the Word was life,^[a]
and the life was the light for all people.
- ⁵ The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.



Sermon



Hymn of the Day: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

ELW 800



- 1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
- 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
- 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860
Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189



Affirmation of Christian Vocation in Civic Life

People of God, you are chosen and named as God's beloved.
You have received the gift of Christian vocation,
a holy calling lived out in various dimensions of your life,
your relationships and communities,
your work and your rest.
Daily and richly we live in the promises of holy baptism,
sustained by grace to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

I ask you, therefore:

Will you endeavor to pattern your life on Jesus Christ,
in gratitude to God and in service to others?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you strive to pursue the common good in public life, nurturing mutual care among neighbors near and far?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you pledge to bear witness in word and action, commending what is true and right, renouncing what is unjust and harmful, and working to mend what is flawed?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Sovereign God, your Son Jesus lived within the structures of society even as he spoke truth to those in power and challenged systems of oppression. Give to your servants courage, patience, and vision in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Empower us all in our Christian vocation to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens. Grant that our life in the public realm be grounded in love for our neighbors, care for the most vulnerable, and respect for the common life we share, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.



Prayers of the People

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

As we do each weekend, we light a candle for peace and pray together the Peace Prayer.

A brief silence as the peace candle is lit.

Let us pray ... **God of love, your word teaches that peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of justice. Peace is what happens when those who have much do not have too much and those who have little do not have too little. The very old and the very young feel safe and supported. Parents can feed themselves and their children and all have the opportunity for meaningful work in their community. Let us pray and work for this kind of peace. God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Bless rostered and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained its peoples over many centuries. As we take our part in creation's praise, revive our wonder at what you have fashioned, and enliven our will to ensure its health for future generations.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. We come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need, especially these we name before you now... and all those on our prayer chain.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We remember before you those who have died in every generation: those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this country: people in the armed services, peace officers, advocates, and activists. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us, and with saints of every tribe and nation, into the holy city you have prepared.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.



Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

I invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



As we prepare to receive the gift of Holy Communion, we pray a table grace patterned after the great Old Testament and early church prayers that recount God's goodness and ask that such goodness would extend to us and through us now and until our Lord's promised return.



Offertory: Now Thank We All Our God (Verse 1)

ELW 840

Please stand in body or spirit as the gifts are brought forward.

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662



Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,
**for waves of grain and harvesters,
 fruitful vines and winepresses,
 for our labor and our rest,
 for the gifts of your hand in this land.
 Transform us and what we offer
 into the banquet of your compassion,
 serving your love without limits
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
 Amen.**



Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

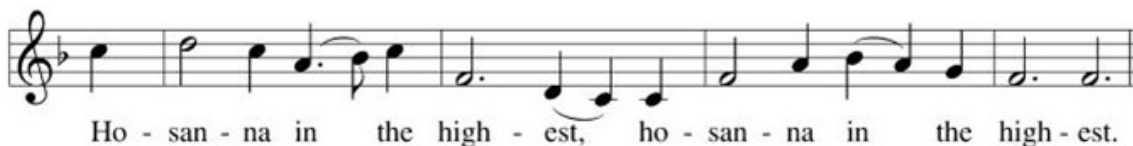
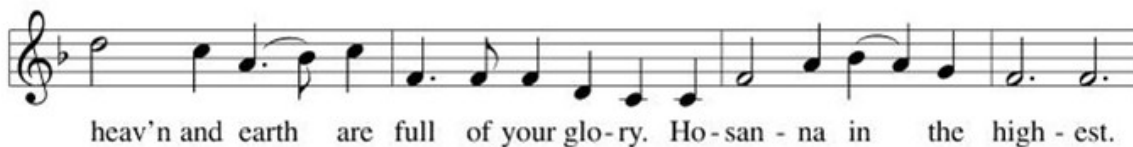
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Pastor continues with the preface to the eucharistic prayer, which leads us to Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus), an ancient hymn comprised of the angelic chorus of Isaiah 6, the praise of Psalm 118:26, and the crowd's Palm Sunday shouts of Matthew 21:9.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune
Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor continues with the eucharistic prayer, which concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his
resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

On 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 for 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.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace
the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
Thanks be to God.

The assembly may be seated.

All are welcome to the communion feast, for our Lord is host and gives himself to all who desire to receive.

Please come up to the communion rails, either kneel or stand as you are able.

Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. While we share this festive meal, we sing of our Savior's invitation, grace, and promise. Come, let us eat and drink at the table of the Lord.



Music During Communion: As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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Sharing the meal

Special Music: *Spirit of God, Descend*

arr. Alinda Couper



Prayer after Communion

We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
 that you fill our deepest need
 with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
 broken and poured out for us.
 Pour us out into a broken world.
 Channel our common life
 toward the common good,
 following the way our Savior leads us
 now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.



Blessing

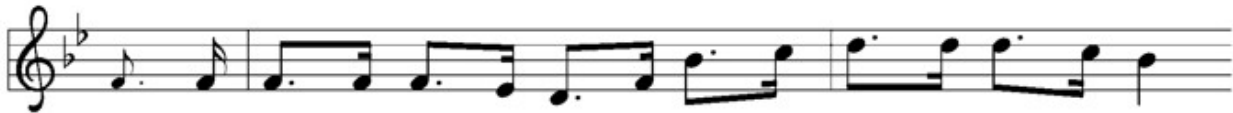
The Author of life,
 the Word of salvation,
 the Breath of new birth,
 † one God, bless you
 and equip you for living and serving,
 today and every day.

Amen.



Sending Hymn: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

ELW 890



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on.
 while God is march - ing on.

Refrain

Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march-ing on.

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910
 Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent

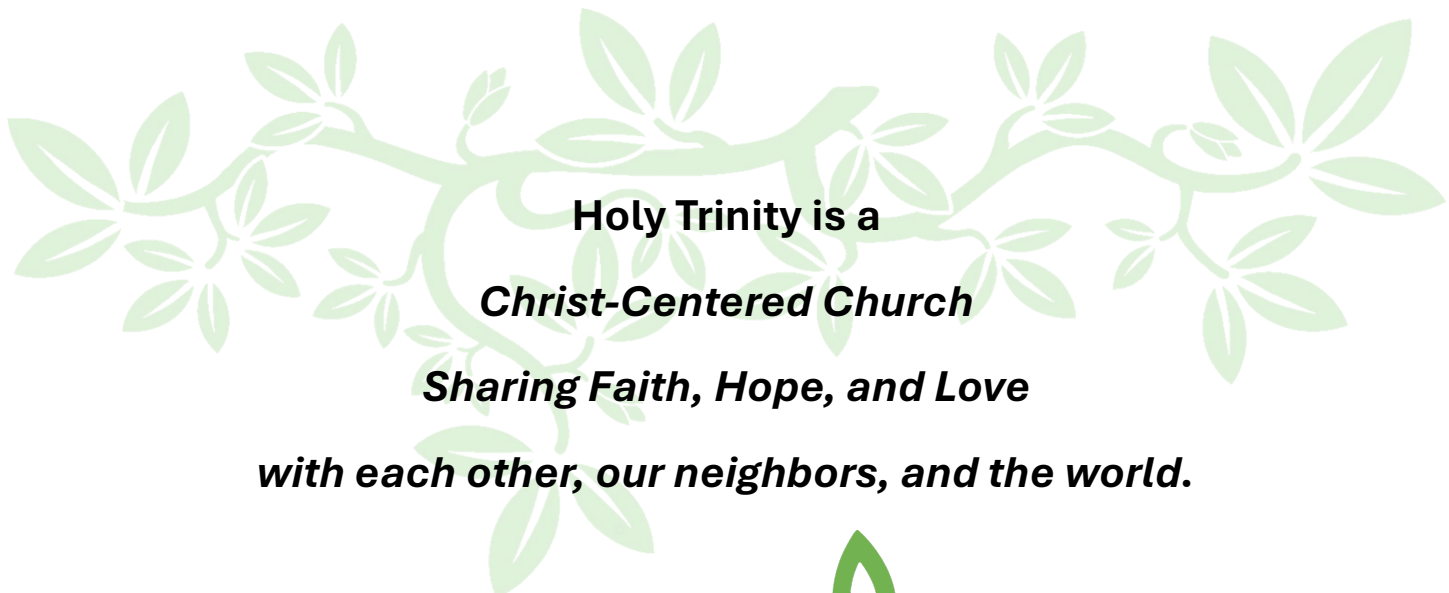


Dismissal

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *O Beautiful For Spacious Skies*

Samuel Ward



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