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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** GATHERING LITANY: God of Many Names**

Let us pray:

What do we call you, O God, you who are above all and through all and in all?

What do we call you, when we know you in so many different ways?

Eternal One, Healer, and Friend: Give us the grace to call on you.

Remind us, O God, of your faithfulness in gathering your people. From dust you created us, out of captivity you delivered us, and through your prophets you directed us.

Creator, Deliverer, Liberator: Strengthen us to acknowledge our need to be made new.

Enlighten us, O God, to the ways we neglect your presence in our neighbors daily. Even amid chaos, destruction, and despair, you used a rainbow as a sign of your enduring love.

Light-bringer, Rainbow-maker, and Sun-stiller: Help us to see your brightness in those we have mistrusted and mistreated.

Draw us together, O God, when we separate and segregate the body of Christ. You are with us and will not leave us to wander on our own.

Emmanuel, Prince of Peace, Reconciler: Call us to right living with one another.

You have shown us, O God, your way, your truth, and your life. Yet we diverge onto paths contrary to yours.

Anointed One, True Vine, Good Shepherd: Lead us onto the path of righteousness.

You have commanded us, O God, to pick up our cross and follow you. Instead, we have gathered stones to throw.

Redeemer, Resurrection, and the Life: Teach us to value mercy over judgment.

Restore us, O God, and heal our wounds. We have been unheard, misrepresented, and attacked.

Advocate, Comforter, Sustainer: Enliven us to care for ourselves as we care for your world.

Inspire us, O God, to live with all humility and gentleness. To persevere with patience, bearing with one another in love.

Rushing Wind, Fire, Spirit: Consume us as we fellowship, sing, and give thanks with one another.

We know you by many names, O God, yet you are One. While we make every effort, we are not united by our own doing but yours. **One Spirit, One Lord, One God of all: Above all and through all and in all, make us one! Amen.**

*** GATHERING HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*
ELW Hymn # 413

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. **O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share a word and a handshake, wave, or other sign of peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In
your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

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¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious and not what is
worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

God's Word for God's People. **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-28** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders **4** and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.”

²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Surrender All*

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church we will confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin

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Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Blessed Trinity, we worship you, the Source and Savior and Strength of all the worlds. We laud you for your wondrous creation. Breathe your blessing on us and on all that you have made, and form us by your wisdom to be caregivers of your gift of this good earth. With bold trust in your unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. We pray especially for those affected by the flooding in Southeast Ohio, in Athens, Perry, Muskingum, and Morgan Counties; and we pray especially for those affected by heavy

rain and flooding in Central Ohio in Franklin and Licking counties.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic

organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred 6

by violence. We pray especially for those in Sudan, Gaza and Israel, Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Yemen, Afghanistan, and Myanmar. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care.

Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study

groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

(please stand as the offering is brought forward)

* **OFFERTORY HYMN** *Jesus Loves Me*

ELW Hymn # 595

* **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

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*** COMMUNION**

INTRODUCTION: Pr. Randall Hall

*** LITURGY:** Pr. Andrea McDonough

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God we thank you for your grace and praise you for your love.

By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, cleanse our hearts so that we may share your grace and love, and worthily magnify your Holy name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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 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.

With this bread and cup

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we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your breath and your fire.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All praise and glory are yours,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.**

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**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to share communion. The ushers will invite you up to the altar rail, where you may kneel or stand. Regular and gluten-free wafers, and wine and grape juice are available—please let your server know your preferences. Children and those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

One Bread, One Body

ELW Hymn # 496

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

*** BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
The blessing of God, Source, Word, and Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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* **SENDING HYMN** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

ELW Hymn # 733

* **DISMISSAL**

Our time together continues with lunch and fellowship in our hall.

POSTLUDE

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