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ALIVE! Worship Service

INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)

verses 1 & 2

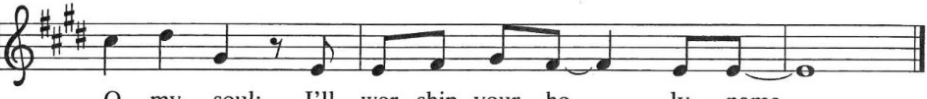
Refrain



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



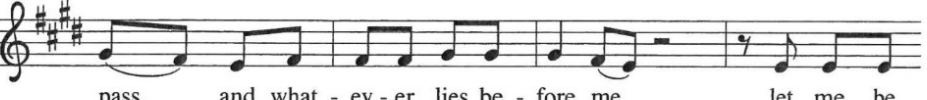
O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.



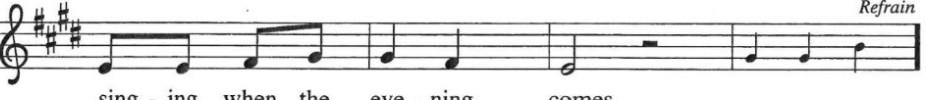
1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
name . . is . . great, and your heart is kind. For all . . your
end . . draws near, and my time has come; . . still, my



pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand
soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand



Refrain

sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
rea - sons for my heart to find.
years and then for - ev - er - more!

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

*Tomlin, Giglio & Newton/
arr. Raney*

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Repeat Chorus - twice

PEACE

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

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Whether by Blood or Baptism, we are family here. Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

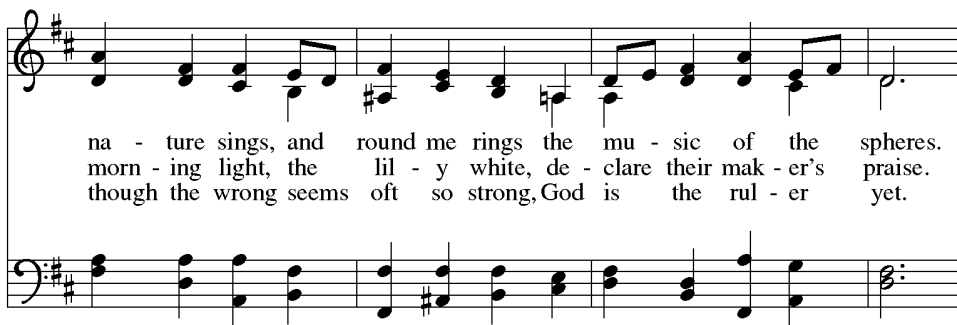
HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is My Father's World

verses 1 & 3



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

A READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans.

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF MISSION

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore



1	Tú	has	ve - ni - do_a la_o - ri - lla,	no_has bus -
1	You	have	come down to the lake - shore	seek - ing
2	You	know	full well what I have, Lord:	nei - ther
3	You	need	my hands, my ex - haus - tion,	work - ing
4	You	who	have fished oth - er wa - ters;	you, the



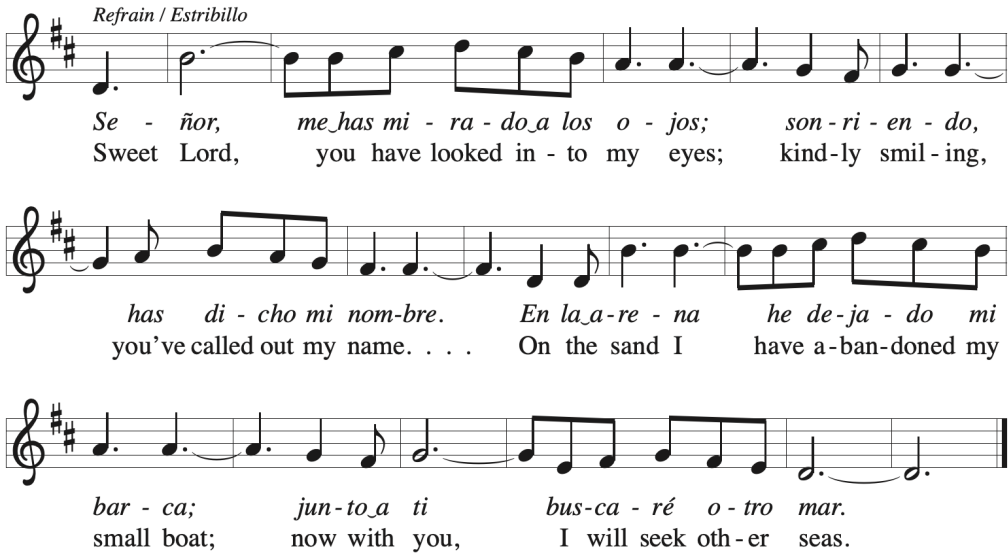
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nei - ther	the wise nor the	wealth - y,	but on - ly
trea - sure	nor wea-pons for	con - quest,	just these my
love for	the rest of the	wea - ry—	a love that's
long - ing	of souls that are	yearn - ing:	O lov - ing



quie - res	que yo	te	si - ga.
ask - ing	for me	to	fol - low.
fish nets	and will	for	work - ing.
will - ing	to go	on	lov - ing.
Friend, you	have come	to	call me.

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Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,

has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my

bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.”¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?”¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.”¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.”¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer?¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Bishop-Elect Wade Roof

ANTHEM

We Believe

**Ryan, Hooper &
Fike/arr. Sorenson**

The congregation is invited to join in singing the chorus.

Verse 1

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
(We believe)

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Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again

Ending

He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe we believe

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

verses 1 & 2



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



the feast is read - y to be - gin.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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THE FEAST IS READY

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OFFERING 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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 and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS *Give Thanks*

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Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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Here Is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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HERE IS BREAD

3 3 4 4 3 3 5 and refrain

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, sr, b, 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sr

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Welcome Table

1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

The first system of the musical score for 'Welcome Table'. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses. The first verse ends with a fermata on the final note.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

The second system of the musical score. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses. The first verse ends with a fermata on the final note.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,

The third system of the musical score. It continues the melody and bass line from the second system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses. The first verse ends with a fermata on the final note.

I'm goin' - a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

The fourth system of the musical score. It continues the melody and bass line from the third system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses. The first verse ends with a fermata on the final note.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL

Leader: Bishop-Elect Wade Roof, on November 24, 2013, we of Mount Tabor Lutheran Church called you to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and your family have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

People of God, members of *Mount Tabor Lutheran Church*, do you release *Bishop-Elect Wade Roof* from service as your *pastor in ministry*?

We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Bishop-Elect Wade Roof, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with *Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church*?

Response: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the ministry of *Bishop-Elect Wade Roof* among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in:
bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place:
keep us close in your love.

You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:
prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together;
heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

Help *Bishop-Elect Wade Roof*, his family, and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.

As *they have* been a blessing to us, so now send *them* forth to be a blessing to others;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

BLESSING HYMN

May the Road Rise to Meet You

LEE TURNER



May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back_____ May the sun shine



warm-ly on your face;_____ May the rain fall soft-ly on your field; And un-til we



meet a - gain,_____ un - til we meet a - gain,_____ May God hold you in the palm



of his hand._____ A - - - men._____

SENDING HYMN

Be Bold, Be Strong

Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with
you. Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with
you. Do not be a - fraid, do not be dis - mayed.
Walk in faith and vic - to - ry,
walk in faith and vic - to - ry, walk in faith and vic -
to - ry, for the Lord your God is with you.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

For Further Study

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalm 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

ALIVE! Musicians

All of us involved in ALIVE worship thank Pastor Wade for his willingness to take a chance on this service that began June 7, 2020. We are very grateful for his support and encouragement in helping us faithfully worship and grow through this service.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Psalm 98:1

Gale McLeod, Co-Director

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To the glory of God and with love, the altar flowers are given in honor of Bishop-Elect Wade Roof. Wade, you may think the color of the arrangements are a tribute to your devotion to Clemson. Not a chance! Hopefully, the blooms resemble the flames in a fire. A fire burns deep within you to do good things for all people. Your enthusiasm, energy, and Love of God is contagious and spreads like a wildfire. I have no doubt that same fire will spark others wherever you go. May God bless you as you blaze a new trail and journey as our Bishop! Prayers, hugs, and much love. Harris and Kristi Hall.

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THE COPE

A Garment of Celebration and Service

The cope is a long, flowing ceremonial vestment worn by bishops, priests, and other clergy on special occasions. Shaped like a semicircular cloak and fastened at the chest, it is one of the most visually striking vestments of the Church.



JOY AND CELEBRATION

Unlike vestments associated primarily with the celebration of Holy Communion, the cope is often worn for processions, blessings, festivals, and other solemn or joyful occasions. Its fullness and beauty reflect the dignity and celebration of Christian worship.



THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

The cope surrounds the wearer like a mantle, reminding us that ordained ministry is not simply an office or title. It is a calling to serve Christ and His Church.



A MANTLE OF SERVICE

The image of a mantle has deep biblical roots. It can call to mind the mantle of Elijah, which passed to Elisha as a sign that he was being called to continue the work entrusted to him (2 Kings 2:13–14). In this way, the cope can remind us of ministry received, carried faithfully, and passed from one generation to the next.



THE SHEPHERD'S CALLING

When worn by a bishop, the cope also complements the other signs of the episcopal office. A bishop is called to teach the faith, proclaim the Gospel, care for God's people, and serve as a shepherd of the Church.



A VESTMENT FOR THE JOURNEY

Because the cope is frequently worn in procession, it can beautifully suggest that the Church is a people on the move—called by Christ, gathered in faith, and sent into the world in service.

When worn by a Lutheran bishop, the cope is a sign of the beauty, dignity, and joy of the Gospel.

THE CLASP

The cope is traditionally fastened at the chest with an ornamental clasp called a morse.

Though often decorative, its practical purpose is simple: it holds the garment together as the wearer moves in procession and worship.



*“Tend the flock of God
that is in your charge.”*

— 1 PETER 5:2



The cope is more than an impressive ceremonial garment. It reminds us of the joy of the Gospel, the mantle of ministry, and the call to shepherd God's people faithfully.



THE CROSIER

A SIGN OF SHEPHERDING AND SERVICE

The crosier is the staff carried by bishops as a sign of their office. It is both ancient in origin and rich in meaning, pointing us to the heart of a bishop's calling to shepherd God's people with care, wisdom, and love.



THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF

The crosier most often resembles a shepherd's staff with a curved top. Just as a shepherd uses a staff to guide, protect, and care for the sheep, a bishop is called to shepherd the Church—guiding God's people in faith and love.



A SIGN OF AUTHORITY AND CARE

The crosier symbolizes both the authority given to a bishop in the Church and the care with which that authority is exercised. It is not a symbol of power for its own sake, but of servant leadership in Christ.



LOVE, COMPASSION, AND PROTECTION

The curved top of the crosier is said to resemble arms that curve around the flock. It is a reminder that the bishop's ministry is to embrace, protect, and lead God's people with compassion and gentleness.



A CALL TO FAITHFUL LEADERSHIP

The crosier reminds a bishop of the charge entrusted to them: to teach the faith, proclaim the Gospel, administer the sacraments, and equip God's people for ministry and mission.



A VISIBLE REMINDER OF THE CHURCH

When the bishop carries the crosier, it is a public sign of their calling before God and the Church. It points us all to the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, who leads us and gives His life for us.

HISTORIC ROOTS

The crosier has been used by Christian pastors for centuries. Its design may vary, but its meaning remains the same: a bishop is set apart by God to shepherd the Church and lead in His name.

"Feed the flock of God that is in your care, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly."

— 1 PETER 5:2



A SIGN OF CALLING. A SYMBOL OF CARE. A LIFE OF SERVICE.
"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

— JOHN 10:11



Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Emily Hutto, Grace Fuson, Laurel Gamble, Stephanie Gamble, Christian Hall, Christian Vallejo, Lizzie Brown, Easton Casteel, Charles Hall, Porcia Metz, Michael Miller.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Michael Gayden, Murray Hoskins, Christie Cook, Michael Bradshaw, Foster McLeod, Abby Grace Roof, Liliana Stork, Tammy Quarles, Hoa O'Kelley, Sally Kleber, James Campbell

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Jeanie & Paul Jacobs, Rachel Bundrick, Karen Holton, Sandra Baker, Paul & Carolyn Dufries, John Conrad, Bruce Merchant, Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Alice Pollock, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Paul Addy, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Derek Rickenbaker, Mike Baxter, Ed & Monica Emmer, Adrian Moldovan, Mike McCarn, John Jowers, Heather Topolski, Daryl Tarte, Paul Price, Andy Granger, Mary Oliver, Meryn Rawl, Russell Grant, Sherwood Williams, Al Roberts, Don Ackerman, Paula Miller, Chet Popkowski, Jared Lough, Linda Wright, Beth Franklin, Ronnie Crim, Shirley Spruill, Russell Altman, Eddie Porter, Eddie Broughman, Julie Johnson, Lewis Tankersley, Danny Baker, Suzanne Oxner Stello, Dr. Chris Wicker, William & Janet Wood, Judy Lazarczyk, Robbie Burgess, Ronnie Boland, Tonia Boland, Andy Rauch, Peggy Roessler, John Bailey, John Sharpe, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Zach Wash, Tyler Corbitt, Nancy Waugh, Emily Waugh, Sam Waugh, Laura Ann Merrill

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Justin Casteel, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

Family of:

Mona Myers

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