



**Morning Worship
9:30 AM
October 6th, 2024
World Communion Sunday**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

✠ PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

--Albert Einstein

♣ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: On this day, we are not a single congregation,

People: but part of all believers everywhere, every place.

Leader: On this day, we share not just a sacrament,

People: but a feast from every time, every place of faith.

Leader: On this day, God's people gather in house churches and cathedrals,

People: and on sandy beaches and under towering trees.

♣ **HYMN**

450 Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

✠CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Leader: A word of anger breaks another's heart, a church's silence damages a family, a nation's anger can bring war and destruction. As individuals, as communities, as a world, we do not live as God's people, so let us bring our lives to our God, so forgiven, we might continue to seek to become one in Christ.

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

We confess, God of every person, how easy it is to think that our way of being your church is the one, true way. And so, we believe we have no reason to hear your name spoken in another language. We are sure we don't need to learn songs that have tunes which sound dissonant to us. We believe that our baptism, our communion, our beliefs are the ones closest to your heart, and so we close our hearts, eyes, and hands to those around us.

Forgive us, Gracious God, and have mercy. Remind us that while there may be many types of bread, there is that one Love which has been broken for us. Remind us that while there might be wine or juice offered, there is one Life which has been poured out for us. Remind us that while some remain seated, some come forward, and others dance, there is one Table, offered to us by your grace, through Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior.

✠TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

✠ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: In little churches with wide open windows, in ancient buildings echoing with the songs and prayers of generations, in buildings that do not look like sanctuaries, the same good news is proclaimed: God is love. And that love forgives us, redeems us, restores us.

**People: In whatever language, in every tongue and dialect, we rejoice and give thanks. We are forgiven by our God of grace and wonder.
Amen.**

✠RESPONSE OF JOY #582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our teacher.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING (CEB)

Mark 12:18-34

Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a widow but no children, the brother must marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman; when he died, he left no children. The second married her and died without leaving any children. The third did the same. None of the seven left any children. Finally, the woman died. At the resurrection, when they all rise up, whose wife will she be? All seven were married to her.” Jesus said to them, “Isn’t this the reason you are wrong, because you don’t know either the scriptures or God’s power? When people rise from the dead, they won’t marry nor will they be given in marriage. Instead, they will be like God’s angels. As for the resurrection from the dead, haven’t you read in the scroll from Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God said to Moses, I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He isn’t the God of the dead but of the living. You are seriously mistaken.” One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” Jesus replied, “The most important one is Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You will love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these.” The legal expert said to him, “Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one’s strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, “You aren’t far from God’s kingdom.” After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the church.

People: Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL OFFERING

Living in the Kingdom

Jeff Jolly

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

Vanna Ortiz

(Children K-5 are then invited to accompany the leader to Children's Chapel)

BAPTISM

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin 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.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

SERMON

"Dead or Alive"

Seth Finch

JOYS AND CONCERNS** *(A Silence)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Suzanne Winsor

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Casa del Sol Prayer of Jesus Version)

**Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe, your name is sacred,
beyond speaking. May we know your presence, may your longings be our
longing in heart and in action. May there be food for the human family today
and for the whole earth community. Forgive us the falseness of what we have
done, as we forgive those who are untrue to us. Do not forsake us in our time
of conflict, but lead us into new beginnings. For the light of life, the vitality of
life, and the glory of life are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

✠RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #712

In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: When there was nothing but your imagination,... God in Community,
Holy in One. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

♠ BENEDECTION

♠ RESPONSE

“Go Forth Into the World In Peace”

John Rutter

♠ POSTLUDE

♠ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

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