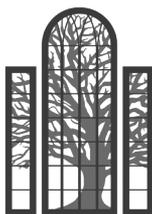




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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

We worship today gathered in Spirit and for some in body, realizing perhaps more than ever the nature of the body of Christ. We gather as a resurrection people even in our time of loss and uncertainty. As we gather may we be strengthened by the Spirit who knows no boundaries.

As you prepare for worship together you may wish to light a candle representing the presence of God with you and concerns, laments, desires for healing, confessions or prayers of thanksgiving that you are particularly holding in the light of Christ today.

PRELUDE

Give me Jesus
Richard Billingham
Seven Reflections on African American Spirituals
Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1996.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Patti Snyder

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Peggy Carroll
(*adapted from Psalm 23*)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

God makes me lie down in green pastures, and leads me beside still waters, and restores my soul

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of our enemies; you anoint our heads with oil; our cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole life long.

*HYMN No. 137

He Came Down

**The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when members of the congregation are invited to rise in body or spirit as able.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Compassionate God,
you know that when we find ourselves in a situation we did not expect, we sometimes feel lost and alone - wondering if you have simply passed us by. Rather than give in to hopelessness or fear, help us to recognize trail markers of your way through that wilderness. Help us to find balance between care for others and care for ourselves as we seek to follow you.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Listen to this Good News! Hope in God, for God's love has no ending; God fills us with grace and courage, this day, and forever.
God hears our voice, and listens to our prayers, redeeming us from all our sins. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (*sung through one time*)

You are the Lord, giver of mercy.
You are the Christ, giver of mercy.
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*responsive*)

Peggy Carroll

Still our turbulent thoughts.
Calm our anxious hearts.
Come to us now.
May your Spirit bring us a word this morning.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 45-56

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 184

Calm to the Waves

OFFERING OF GIFTS

During this time you are encouraged to consider your response to the work of Christ in the world today, making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. Please remember your family, neighbors, the wider community, and the church in your offering. Although many things are shifting, please continue to honor previous commitments to the best of your ability.

If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available via the GIVE tab on our website (www.upcbr.org) or by texting “upcbr (space) and then the number of dollars” to 73256.

INVITATION

ANTHEM

*Meditation, by Frank Bridge
London: Augener Limited, 1912.*

*Sonia Feres-Lloyd, viola
Anne Maverick, piano*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God, we dedicate our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to your service. We pray that as a church community and as individuals we might use them to help others feel the healing presence of God no matter what shore they land on. May our offering be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

BAPTISM

*This morning Crystal and Stephen Juneau bring their son, Rivière,
for the sacrament of baptism.*

INTRODUCTION

DECLARATIONS OF INTENT: FAMILY

DECLARATIONS OF INTENT: CONGREGATION

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Rivière in word and deed, praying with and for him, teaching him the stories of the bible, and showing him by your example, the way of faith in Christ?

We do.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

WELCOME (*responsive*)

Rivière has been received into the universal church of Christ through baptism.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's catholic church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

HYMN No. 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

(*sung to tune 83, Stuttgart*)

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.*

*Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are; from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you:
live as one who bears Christ's name.*

*Child of God, your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

A GIFT OF GRATITUDE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go with God.

Alleluia and Amen.

POSTLUDE

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Callahan

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