

Worship Guide August 3, 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements Pastor

Call to Worship Pastor

ONE O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

ALL for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

Those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,

From the east and from the west,

From the north and from the south.

(Ps 107:1-3, lectionary reading)

Lighting of the Christ Candle - by Child during Interlude of Song

Song – PH #738 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” Worship Leader Bea

v.1 O Master let me walk with thee

In lowly paths of service free;

Tell me thy secret; help me bear

The strain of toil, the fret of care.

(Interlude Child lights candle)

v.4 In hope that sends a shining ray

far down the future’s broadening way;

in peace that only thou canst give,

with thee, O Master, let me live.

Prayer of the Day or Opening Prayer Worship Leader Bea

...He raises up the needy out of distress,

And makes their families like flocks.

The upright see it, and are glad;

*And all wickedness stops its mouth.
Let those who are wise give heed to these things,
And consider the steadfast love of the LORD.
May your promises be fulfilled again today in our worship.
Amen. (Psalm 107:41-43, Lectionary reading)*

Song LYH #11 - "Make a Joyful Noise" Worship Leader **Bea**

**Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
All people make a joyful noise.
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
All people make a joyful noise.**

**Serve the Lord with gladness,
Come into God's presence with a song.
Serve the Lord with gladness,
Come into God's presence with a song.**

**Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
All people make a joyful noise.
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
All people make a joyful noise.**

**(coda) All people make a joyful noise!
Come into his presence singing**

Song LYH #85 "Thy Word"

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near,
Please be near me to the end.**

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Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

Confession and Pardon Worship Assistant **Bea
Call to Confession Worship Assistant**

*Some were sick through their sinful ways,
And because of their iniquities endured affliction;
They loathed any kind of food,
And they drew near to the gates of death.
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;
He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.*

(Psalm 107:17-20, Lectionary)

Confession of Sin - Led by Worship Assistant Bea

Let us confess our sin before God.

ALL

Merciful God,

We confess that 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 and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

Help us amend what we are,

And direct what we shall be,

So that we may delight in your will

And walk in your ways,

To the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

(BoCW, p.53)

Declaration of Pardon - Worship Assistant Bea

Hear the good news!

The mercy of the Lord

Is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,

You are forgiven.

May the Lord of mercy,

Who forgives you all your sins,
Strengthen you in all goodness,
And by the power of the Holy Spirit
Keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

(BoCW, p.56)

Worship Assistant

Please rise for the Doxology

and remain standing for the Children's Blessing and Offering

Doxology PH #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Children's Blessing "You are Somebody" - **Worship Leader Emmanuel**

You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.

You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.

(repeat)

Offering

Invitation to Offering - **Worship Assistant**

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Give as you have made up your mind,
Not reluctantly or under compulsion,
For God loves a cheerful giver.

(2 Cor 9:7)

Bread and Cup Brought forward by **Children**

Presentation of tithes and offerings

Song LYH #136 – "Freely, Freely" Worship Leader Emmanuel

**v. 1 God forgave my sin, in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his love as he told me to.**

**He said, Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely, give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,**

others will know that I live.

v.2 All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his pow'r as he told me to.

He said, Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely, give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.

Dedication of Offering **Worship Assistant Bea** (Or own words for prayer)

Blessed are you, God of all creation;
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
And for the service of your kingdom.

You may be seated.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination - **Worship Assistant**

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear,
And show us what we ought to do,
To obey Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Presentation of the Word **by Youth or Adult**

Gospel Reading Story Time: "Looking Back Over the Journey" *The Book of Exodus*

Song – LYH #16 “We Are the Family of God” – Worship Leader-

Note: The Coda is not clear to me. Please correct as needed.

We are the family of God.
Yes, we are the family of God.
And he's brought us together to be one in him,
that we might bring light to the world.

v.1 God make disciples of all lives,
Go show that my way is true.
Tell them the wonderful story,
That they might be one in me too.

We are the family of God.
Yes, we are the family of God.
And he's brought us together to be one in him,
that we might bring light to the world.

v.2 Let them know life in the making,
Let them know peace from above.
Show them by your own example
Of love in the family of God.

We are the family of God.
Yes, we are the family of God.
And he's brought us together to be one in him,
that we might bring light to the world.

(Children leave during this song.)

Hear the Word of the Lord!

Old Testament Reading *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23*

Hear the Word of the Lord!

² **Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.**

¹² **I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.**

¹³ **I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with.**

¹⁴ **I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.**

¹⁸ **I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor,**

¹⁹ **and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.**

²⁰ **So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun,**

²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun?

²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Silence after Reading of Scripture

Sermon “The Abundant Life” Minister Linda Evans

Song PH #175 “Seek Ye First” Worship Leader-Bea
(no descant)

**v.1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**v.2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia**

**v.3 (if desired) You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.**

Affirmation of Faith Worship Assistant

Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again for the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,
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 **Worship Assistant**

Song LYH#13 "Spirit Song"

v. 1 **O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,
Let him fill your life and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you and his Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

v.2 (if desired)

**O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your hearts of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

THE EUCHARIST Led by Pastor

Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the Lord's table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him

To share the feast which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy

To give you thanks and praise,

and to worship you in every place where your glory abides.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices

with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed in the he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,

we take from your creation this bread and this wine

and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,

as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

In union with your church in heaven and on earth,

we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose

in us and in all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory,

and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread,
and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the People of God!

Communion of the People

The gifts of God for the people of God.

After the deacons come forward to serve, please, come to the table!

Communion Song LYH # 123 "Bread, Blessed and Broken"

v.1 May the bread we break today,

May the cup we share

Lift the burdens of our hearts,

Lift them everywhere.

Bread, blessed and broken for us all,

**Symbol of your love from the grain so tall.
Bread, blessed and broken for us all,
Bread of life you gave to us, bread of life for all.
v.2 Passing on to each of us
a measure of your love,
love to make us whole again
as we share your Word.**

**Bread, blessed and broken for us all,
Symbol of your love from the grain so tall.
Bread, blessed and broken for us all,
Bread of life you gave to us, bread of life for all.**

Prayer after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits!

SENDING

Charge and Blessing Pastor

*"Let those who are wise give heed to these things,
and consider the steadfast love of the LORD." (Ps 107:43)
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind. (Ps 107:8, 15, 21, 31)
Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders. (Ps 107:32)*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Cor 13:13) Amen.*

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