

Worship Guide August 31, 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Andrew

Call to Worship Pastor Andrew

Pastor: As we gather, we prepare to encounter God in ourselves and one another.

All: As we gather, we feel God at work in us and our world.

Pastor: As we worship, we hear God all around us.

All: As we worship, we know that God is in this place. Let us worship God together!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Song – LYH #85 “Thy Word” Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a 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.

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

(Interlude: Child lights candle)

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Presentation of the Word **by Youth or Adult (Eloise to do or line up someone else)**

Song - PH #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines” Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

V1 – 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

V2 – World without end, without end. Amen.

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen**

Song PH #591 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” Worship Leader Emmanuel

(Refrain)

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**V1 - O God, to whom shall we go?
You alone have the words of life.
Let your words be our prayer and the song we sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!**

(Refrain)

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**v.2 My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.
When I call them they follow me.
I will lead them to rest by the peaceful streams;
hallelujah, hallelujah.**

(Refrain)

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Leader: Please be seated

Confession and Pardon Worship Assistant Abel Aruan

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: God of all wonders, we confess that we have disobeyed you.
We seek to maintain our reputations, instead of your Creation.
We seek to secure status and wealth in this life,
ignoring what you have prepared for us in Christ.
We turn away from you, trusting instead in ourselves.
Forgive us. Teach us what is good in your sight,
that we may live as you have commanded:
seeking justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with you.
In Christ's name, hear our silent prayers of return...**

Moment of silence (as people confess their own sins)

Assurance of Pardon **Worship Assistant Abel**

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! There is nothing in this life or the next that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**All: By God's grace, we are called again to carry God's love to the world.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

Doxology PH #606 Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

**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)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Turn and share the peace with the people around you)

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering **Worship Assistant Abel**

(Ask people to return to seats as needed)

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

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
The world, and those who live in it. (Ps 24:1)*

Bread and Cup Brought forward by **Children**

(WA to pause and wait for the children to bring up the elements and recess to the back of the chapel)

Presentation of tithes and offerings after first verse of song below.

Song PH #626 "As the Deer" Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

**V1 - As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

(Refrain)

**You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

**V2 - I want you more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy,
You alone are the real joygiver,
And the apple of my eye.**

(Refrain)

**You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.**

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

Leader: Yours, O Lord, are grandeur and power,
Majesty, splendor, and glory.

ALL All in the heavens and on the earth is yours,

And of your own we give you. (*cf 1 Chron 29:11*)

Leader: You may be seated.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination **Worship Assistant Abel**

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord!

Gospel Reading **Luke 14:1, 7-14**

¹ One sabbath when he went to dine at the house of a ruler who belonged to the Pharisees, they were watching him.

⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he marked how they chose the places of honor, saying to them,

⁸ “When you are invited by any one to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him;

⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give place to this man,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.

¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, go up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you.

¹¹ For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid.

¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind,

¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Song PH #472 – “Kum ba Yah” Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

**v.1 Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba ya my Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!**

**v.2 Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's crying, Lord, Kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!**

**v.3 Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!**

**v.4 Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!**

(Children leave during song)

Leader: You may be seated.

Silence after Reading of Scripture

Sermon "A Place at the Table" Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine

Song: PH #339 Lift Every Voice and Sing Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

**V2 - Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;**

**We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

Leader: You may be seated

Affirmation of Faith Worship Assistant Abel

Leader: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: 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 Abel

Song - PH #649 "Amazing Grace" Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

V1 - Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

V2 - 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

V3 - Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Leader: You may be seated

THE EUCHARIST Led by Pastor

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor:

This is the Lord's table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him

To share the feast which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor:

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:

**All: 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.

Pastor:

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.

According to his commandment:

**All: We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Pastor:

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

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

**All: 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

Pastor:

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

Pastor:

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

There are individual serving cups available if you prefer.

(Deacons will note if there are any who want cups or to be served by intinction in their seat)

Song - LYH #130 "One Bread, One Body" (played/sung during Communion)

(Refrain)

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

**V1 - Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.**

(Refrain)

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

**V2 - Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.**

(Refrain)

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

**V3 - Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.**

(Refrain)

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

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 Andrew

Pastor: Please stand for the benediction

(Pastor returns to pew)

Song LYH #50 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

**V1 - Lord the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.**

(Refrain)

**Shine Jesus Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit Blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord and let there be light!**
(Repeat Refrain)

(Pastor recesses down from aisle after first stanza)