

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING PRAYER

**PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

This is a day of new beginnings!

**This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.**

Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

**Let us be prepared for service to God. AMEN.<sup>1</sup>**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Gather Us In*

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**LITANY OF CONFESSION**

In the noise and chaos of daily living, competing visions of the common good strive for our attention.

Today, we are invited once again to the Lord's Table, where all are welcomed. Sinners all, we join our hearts and voices in confession before God. Lord, hear our prayers: (*silence*)

When we forget that God's ways lead all to the blessings of justice and mercy:

**Lord have mercy.**

When we forget that God's ways lead all, especially the most vulnerable, to blessings of safety, health, meaningful work:

**Christ have mercy.**

When we forget that God's ways lead all to the blessings of the shared abundance of God's beloved creation:

**Lord have mercy.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*from Mark 3: 34-35*

Jesus reminds us: "Who is my mother, and who are my sisters and brothers?"

All those who do the will of God are my brother and sister and mother."

In Christ we are forgiven all our failed efforts at community, and invited afresh to rejoin the family of God, seeking blessing for all.

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY**

Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 138, 2 Cor 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-25

**REFLECTION**

**RESPONSIVE LITANY**

Jesus says: "my family is those who do the will of God."

**And what is the will of God?**

Jesus says: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself."

## And who is my neighbor?

Jesus says: “the one who showed mercy — go and do likewise.”

## So how do we know who to exclude?

Jesus says: “a house divided against itself cannot stand.”

**We are called into the family of all God’s people. We are called the Body of Christ.**

It is the Holy Spirit who brings us together, and it is the Holy Spirit who gives us the gift of faith.

## Who are we to deny the Spirit’s work?

United by the power of the Spirit, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we commit to doing the will of God, and proclaiming the truth of the good news: That there is nothing that can separate us from God’s love.

**Love is love is love.<sup>2</sup>**

## DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES.

### GATHERING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

*As we sing together, the communion elements will be passed to you in the pews. We’ll take the bread and cup together, when directed. Then place everything in the Ziploc, and drop in the wastebasket as you leave.*

#### HYMN

*The Servant Song vs 1-5*

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#### THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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#### SENDING FORTH

*The Servant Song vs 1/6*

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#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

✠✠✠ *We follow the Light of Christ into the World* ✠✠✠

Thanks to all who have let the office know they would serve as a greeter or usher once a month or so. Would you like to add your name to the list? Clipboard is on the table in the back or call the office and leave a message.

Congregation Care team is meeting this Thursday, June 10 at 11am. If you’re serving on a ministry team, are they gathering this month? Check with each other, and then let the office know. Summer’s the best time to plan, and meetings can be via email, as long as the office is in the loop!

<sup>1</sup>Nancy Townley

<sup>2</sup>Teri Peterson

## Gather us in

lyrics and music by Marty Haugen

Here in this place new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame,  
Call to us now and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery,  
We are the old who yearn for your face,  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong,  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you,  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion,  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven light years away,  
But here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own,  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

## The Servant Song

lyrics and music by Richard Gillard

Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I might have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey;  
we are family on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the miles and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joys and sorrows  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in Heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I might have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.