

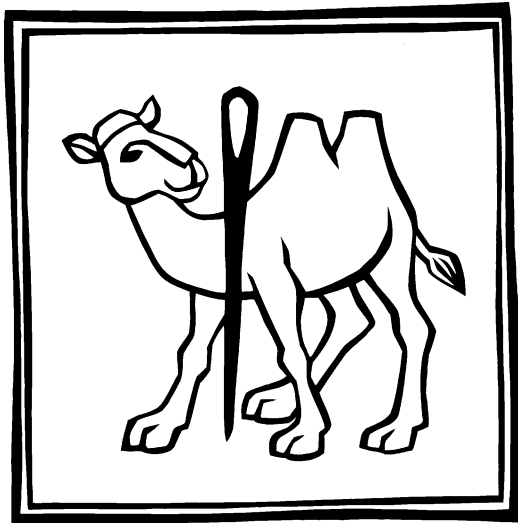
Welcome to online worship!



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GATHERING

Prelude | English Ringers | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Stewardship Minute

Welcome to Worship

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of God the Father, Creator of all things, and of God the Son, Redeemer of the World, and of God the Holy Spirit, the Author of faith. **Amen.**

We confess our sins before God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Forgiving God, **We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have closed our eyes to our neighbor in need. We have closed our ears to the cries of the hungry and disposed. We have closed our hands around what we claim as our own. We have closed our hearts and our lives to the world around us. We have failed to seek justice and mercy for the least of these. Forgive us, O God, and open our ears to your commands that we might receive the blessing of seeing you in those in need. Amen.**

God promises to hear our prayers and to forgive our sins. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Trust God's promises and receive the gift of forgiveness and the gift of new life. Begin again to live with generosity open to new ways to love our neighbor as God loves us. **Amen.**

Gathering Song #479 We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who fed the thousands, the love of God who gave every plant for food, and the communion of the Holy Spirit who empowers generous hearts, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Help us to hear and remember the cries of the poor. **Amen.**

Young People's Message | Pastor Glen Bickford

WORD

Lesson | Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,

and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music | English Ringers | For Everyone Born

Gospel | Mark 10:17-31

The holy gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon | Pastor Glen Bickford



Hymn of the Day #817 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish - nets and will for work - ing.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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Apostles' Creed

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

**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.**

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

God of all creation, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands heavenly Father we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. For yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise and glorify your holy name.

During the Words of Institution, we invite your designated person at home to raise the bread and the cup respectively as the pastor does. In this way, we are church together.

Words of Institution

O God, you provided food for all in the Garden of Eden, you provided food for Jacob and his sons through Joseph in Egypt in a time of famine. You fed the people of Israel with manna and meat and water on their journey through the desert. You fed Ruth from the fields of Boaz. You invited God's people to eat freely and drink without price. Your Son, Jesus commanded his disciples to feed the hungry from their own resources and called us as neighbors to anyone in need.

We remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus gathered his disciples in an upper room to share food and drink and then he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour your loving Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on us your loving servants to empower us to do your will. May this bread and wine nourish us so that we may feed the world. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation & Distribution of Communion

The reign of God is at hand. Come, taste the joy prepared for you.

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Prayer After Communion

O God, you feed us with your very self, living bread for the life of the world. May we who share this blessed meal embody your compassion and faithfully show forth your love on behalf of all who hunger, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing

May the blessing of God be upon you. May the light of ☩ Christ illumine your way. And may the gifts of the Holy Spirit abound in your life to the glory of God and to the good of all creation. **Amen.**

Sending Song #674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the hungry. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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