

Sunday May 1, 2022

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: The disciples met the risen Christ as they went about their daily tasks – eating, fishing, preparing a meal.

People: **We have gathered because we too want to know the presence of Jesus among us.**

Leader: We gather around his table to know him in the breaking of bread.

People: **We will return to the world, seeking to know and to make known his presence there.**

ALL: **Glory be to God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit of life, in whom we live and move and have our being. Amen.**

*Hymn #386: “The Church’s One Foundation”

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, Creator of the heavens and Maker of each small thing: what a wondrous universe you have spread before us. Each day overflows with the richness of life: with growing green and bursting blossoms, with relationships which nurture and challenge, with missions accomplished and justice to be done. Each day is full of your meaning. And yet many times we do not see this. With much around us to be done, we complain of boredom. Or we are so busy we lose track of your presence and calling. Too often we scurry to and fro without appreciation, delight, or much sense of purpose. Call us, O God, out of emotional poverty into the richness of life lived in love. Move us toward you and one another. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Grace

Through the gift of Jesus Christ and in the name of the One who died and rose again, all is forgiven, and we can recommit ourselves to being God’s messengers in this world.

Passing of the Peace

(For those in the sanctuary please remain in your seats as you turn to one another and by word and gesture that is comfortable to you, greet one another. For those in remote locations be aware that you too are included in the peace that Christ gives us all.)

Response Hymn #236:

“Hallelujah”

Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halleluja, halleluja.

Reading from the book of Acts: Acts 9:1-9

Karen Jones

Anthem

Children’s Time

CROP Walk Litany of Dedication

Reading from the Gospel: John 21:1-9

Sermon: “Shepherd Responsibilities”

***Hymn #575:** “O for a World”

The Community at Prayer

(Joys and Concerns, Prayer for the People, Lord’s Prayer)

Prayer Response

Offertory

In a world that lives out of scarcity You call us to a life of abundance You offer grace and mercy.

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate as you enter or leave the sanctuary, through mailing your gift to the church office or through signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Prayer of Dedication

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept, we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who

have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Invitation**

Leader: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

People: **In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself.....With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you saying:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn #82 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**