

May 7, 2023

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God has made this day.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad.**

Leader: The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALL: **Glory to God our Creator, to Jesus our risen Christ, and to the Spirit our Comfort. Amen.**

***Hymn #84:** "This Is the Day"

***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture Reading:

Acts 7:55-60

David Alexander

Anthem

Time With Young Disciples

Unison Prayer

God, we thank you for your love and your grace so abundant, so overflowing, that you receive us despite our timid lives of faith. As you encouraged the first Christians to witness in the face of all risks, encourage us to follow your call rather than cower before the powerful. Grant us peace midst of the challenge; and fill us with your Holy Spirit, through the risen Christ. Amen.

Sermon: "Saint Boldly Speaking"

***Hymn #49:** "Ask Me What Great Thing I Know"

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by 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. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

In the company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the 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.

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. ... Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

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.

Prayer of Institution and Consecration

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 #497: "Guide My Feet"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**