

July 7, 2024

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: It is God our Maker who sets us free to live,
People: Who calls us into a community of freedom and commitment.
Leader: It is Jesus our Christ who has blazed the trail of new life,
People: Who has gone before us to overcome sin and death.
Leader: It is the Spirit of peace that binds us as one,
People: Who flows among us like a healing river.
ALL: Glory be to God the Maker, Christ, and Spirit, in all that we say and do here! Amen.

***Hymn #332: "As We Gather at Your Table"**

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture: 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 9-10 Ron Dobson

Special Music: Rick Ransom

Time With Young Disciples

***Unison Prayer**

God of our lives, to whom our stories are as important as those of persons who have gone before us, help us to learn from their experiences and to value our own. Help us to understand that your Word is one of communion and not of domination; of welcome and not of exclusion; of liberation to new life, and not of oppression to old roles. We thank you that in Christ Jesus you have given us this good news of hope and release from bondage and despair. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our freedom.

Sermon: "Shepherd Leadership"

***Hymn #252: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

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

Creator, all we have emanates from you and your creation. Receive these gifts we give with thanksgiving and hope for a shared future without lack, disparities, and unmet needs. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

This table is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

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 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!

Prayers 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: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"**

(see attached hymn)

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Postlude**