

*Worshippers please stand (as you are able)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

AN ENGLISH CHANGE RING High School Youth

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING EACH OTHER
Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE “Prelude in C” ~J.S. Bach
Lighting of the candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP
L: We gather here, where God would love and teach us:
P: So we may learn to be more compassionate; so we may be taught how to be more loving.
L: We gather here, where Jesus would love and teach us
P: The wisdom to choose forgiveness over holding a grudge, the language of hope so we may speak to all.
L: We gather here, where the Spirit imparts love and wisdom,
P: So we might know how to share grace, love and forgiveness to all.
L: Let us worship God!
P: Let us worship God, in unity!

*HYMN #229 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
O God, who by your Spirit can rekindle the embers of faith, cleanse us of our sin and make of us obedient servants. We are guilty of pushing you to life’s edges. We serve you only when it seems convenient. We follow the Christ when it is to our benefit. We call on the Spirit when our own efforts fail. Too often we sow seeds of disharmony and disunity. Call us together as your people. Heal the division we have brought. Remake us in your image of righteousness, and teach us the meaning of discipleship.
(silence is observed for reflection and prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
L: God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.
P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*THE APOSTLE’S CREED (unison)
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 into hell. 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Receive the Joy” ~Martin/Martin

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 133 p. 501
Romans 12:9-21 p. 923

L: This is the word of the Lord
P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: “Overcome Evil With Good” Rev. Tedd Pullano

*HYMN #507 “I Come With Joy”

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERING INVITATION
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY “Prelude”

~Chopin

*DOXOLOGY #592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)
O God, filled with your love and hope, filled with your grace and mercy, we bring our gifts to you. Bless these gifts and the lives that they represent, that all may be used in service to all your people, wherever they may live. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
PASTORAL PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

(All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake.
Children shall partake of the elements under their parents’ guidance.)

*INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

L: The Lord God invites us all to this Holy, Sacred Feast. As we gather, we remember all our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the North and from Down Under, from every time zone around the globe. As today’s sunlight inches across land and sea Christians gather to celebrate their place in God’s family. They gather to celebrate God seeking them out, coming to them – the Word become Flesh. All are invited and all are welcome. Come, for the meal is ready! As we celebrate this Holy Meal this day, we remember our unity in Christ, and our unity with all our sisters and brothers across the globe.

*HYMN #516 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation” v.1

*THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them up to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: We gather today from the busyness of life to receive strength.
P: We come as a people of God to grow through breaking the bread and drinking the cup.

L: We are a global church with a global task to bring love and joy.
P: Through this sacrament, we receive power to be faithful in love to serve the people of the world.

L: Creator God, you created for yourself a world filled with diversity and blessed by your breath of life. Rainbow colors bloom in spring, summer breezes bring garden delight, and now as autumn comes our way we see the work of your paintbrush upon every face and tree. In mercy, while we still held to the chains of our winter, of pride, self-righteousness, and historic egos you loved us steadfastly and delivered us as babes to reflect the beauty and your grace, to bring us into a community of love, hope, and peace. And so, with all your people on earth in every place where two or more are gathered in your name and all the company of heaven who have gone before us we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of love and hope, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with many, particularly sinners. By his

suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Your Spirit moved him to pray “that we might be one as he is one with you”, Father, and he asked that we might be known by the love we have for one another. We ask that as we gather at this meal today, you would knit us all more closely together in the fellowship of your love. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we, together as a new creation and a new community around the globe may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

“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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.”

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Friends, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord until he comes – and you experience the grace of God.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Distribution of the Bread (bread is gluten free)

(To symbolize our common experience of God’s grace, please retain the bread until all have been served.)

Distribution of the Cup

(To symbolize our individual experience of God’s grace, please drink of the cup as it is served.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

By your Spirit help the body of Christ be one. Help the left hand and the right hand work as one in ministry to all the world. Help the eyes and the ears sense your present and coming kingdom. Bring the blessing of the diversity of the body to bear fruit until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #466 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v.1&2)

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN #466 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v.3&4)

*POSTLUDE “Recessional”

~Corelli

Special Offering on Communion Sundays

On Communion Sunday the members are asked to make a voluntary contribution to aid the distressed and afflicted of our Church community. Your gift will be set aside for this purpose. The Deacons’ Fund envelopes, found in the pews, may be deposited in the offering plate on any convenient Sunday.