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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Cross Medley

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 121

From where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Who is our keeper?

The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

How long will God protect us?

God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

OPENING PRAYER

God our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new; to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown; until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #488

The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days,
The God of Love!
The Lord, the great I Am,
By earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name,
Forever blest.

2 Your spirit still flows free,
High surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old
And You speak still.
Established is Your law,
And changeless it shall stand,

Deep writ upon the human heart,
On sea, or land.

3 You have eternal life
Implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay,
While ages roll.
We praise You, living God!
We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought,
And still the same!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ, **we are forgiven.**

***HYMN #579**

Glory Be to the Father

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a
Old Testament page 866

SCRIPTURE LESSON

This is the Word of the Lord

John 3:1-17
New Testament page 166

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. TJ Shirley

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from the Westminster Confession of Faith

God in infinite and perfect love, having provided in the covenant of grace, through the mediation and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, a way of life and salvation, sufficient for and adapted to the whole lost race of humanity, does freely offer this salvation to all people in the gospel. In the gospel God declares God's love for the world and God's desire that all people should be saved; reveals fully and clearly the only way of salvation; promises eternal life to all who truly repent and believe in Christ; invites and commands all to embrace the offered mercy; and by the Holy Spirit pleads with people to accept God's gracious invitation.

***HYMN #508**

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which You have broken,
For the wine which You have poured,
For the words which You have spoken,
Now we give You thanks, O Lord.

2 By this promise that You love us,
By Your gift of peace restored,
By Your call to heaven above us,
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3 With the saints who now adore You
Seated at the heavenly board,
May the Church still waiting for You
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4 In Your service, Lord, defend us;
In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to which You send us
Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Lord Of Heav'n

***DOXOLOGY #592**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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...

And so we sing with all the saints on earth
and all the angels in heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest...

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again...**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 16

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION

(Gluten-free elements provided on stand in front.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN #76**

My Song is Love Unknown

1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
O who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

2 Christ came from heaven's throne
Salvation to bestow,
But people scorned and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing,
Resounding all the way
Hosannas to their King,
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.

4 They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay.
Yet steadfast He
To suffering goes,
That He His foes
From thence might free.

5 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine:
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise

I all my days
Could gladly spend.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Redeeming Love

Liturgical resources from Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion* and *Book of Common Worship* (2018).

