

WELCOME

Heather Harriss

Holy God, help us to be present in worship this day even as you are present. Amen.

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes
Jean Kohler, piano

†CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it!
This is a day of new beginnings,
let us reflect and celebrate!
This is a time to come and worship,
let us praise God together with our whole hearts!
Amen.

†HYMN NO. 610

We Know That Christ Is Raised

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SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-21

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Love Can Build a Bridge

Paul Purdue

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

The celebrant continues the thanksgiving.

The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled, and the celebrant concludes:

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:

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

The celebrant invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD – SHARING THE CUP

As we celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, everyone is invited.

In the Garden

arr. Martha Mier

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

**May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you; may the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Jack Schrader

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

Liturgy written/selected by Emma Bushong.

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