



The Call to Worship Rev. Hankamer

One: Why are we looking up to heaven?

**Many: Christ has come; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

One: Why are we looking ahead to the future?

**Many: The Holy Spirit is among us now. In our baptism we have already died and risen with Christ.**

One: Why are we afraid of death and dying?

**Many: God's love casts out our fear.**

One: Why are we afraid to follow Jesus?

**Many: In Christ, we have the promise of new life now, eternal life to come. In Christ, we join our hearts to worship God, who has prepared for us to enter the reign of God.**

-written by Rev. Mindi

The Processional *(Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row)*

\*The Opening Hymn No. 257

*Alleluia! Gracious Jesus*  
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## Listening for God in Word, Prayer and Music

The Children's Message Rev. Hankamer

*I see the face of God in you; the love of Christ comes shining through, and I am blessed to be with you, beloved, holy child of God.*

The Voluntary *Tierce en Taille* Louis Couperin

The Scripture Reading Psalm 47

One: The Psalmist speaks.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

\*The Hymn *We Gather in a Circle Here*  
TALLIS' CANON  
*See Insert*

The Scripture Reading Acts 1:1-14

One: Luke's account of Jesus' ascension.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon ***Where Are All the Women?*** Rev. Dr. Meredith Stone

The Anthem *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* Gordon Young

*A hymn of glory let us sing, new throughout the world shall ring; by a new way none ever trod, Christ shares once more the throne of God. God has gone up with shouts of joy! O clap your hands, your tongues employ to sing your praises to the one who shared his love, God's only son. O risen Christ, ascended now, to your blessed name all knees shall bow; you are, while endless ages run, in Triune God head ever one. Alleluia!*

– adapted from The Venerable Bede (673-735)

## Dedicating Gifts to God

*The Offertory is a time of personal devotion and reflection on the day's teaching, and an opportunity to present silently before God what we can give of ourselves. Monetary gifts, which are an important part of our worship and commitment to our church, may be made privately in the offering plate located in the aisle at the back of the sanctuary or via PayPal by scanning the QR Code found on the insert.*

## Sharing Holy Communion

The Invitation to Communion

The Prayer of Jesus (Using "Father or God" and "trespasses")

The Words of Institution

*The service of holy communion is a celebration of the presence of God and Christ among us and a feast of bounty for all. In this place, all are welcome to partake. You will be directed, row by row, to come forward. The server will place the bread in your open palms. Gluten free wafers are available. You are invited to take your own cup.*

\*Please rise, if able.