



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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10:00 a.m.



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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PROCESSION OF BREAD - CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Jamaican Folk Melody/
(The Chancel Choir and NewSong Band) arr. Bradley Ellingboe

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

2 Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless
love in word and in deed express. (Refrain)

Refrain:

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! (Refrain)

from Psalm 100

CALL TO WORSHIP

Olivia Bressan

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.

***HYMN 298** (vv. 1-3 & 5) *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

3 Lord, you make the common holy:
"This, my body; this, my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

* Please rise in body
or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous God,
we confess that we would rather bury
the talents you have given us than risk them for your sake.
After all, they seem so insignificant
compared to what you have given others.
We are afraid that we will disappoint you.
We are afraid that we will fail.
Forgive us for our lack of faith
and our lack of faithfulness.
Give us courage equal to your trust.**

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 538** (refrain & v. 1) *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

Sung by choir:

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di tha bile kaofela.
Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di tha bile kaofela.

Sung by all:

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Christ the Lord to us said:

I am wine, I am bread.

I am wine, I am bread:

give to all who thirst and hunger.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Victor Garraus - Spanish
Susan McDonald - French
Dorothy Murphy - Lithuanian
Hans Schmeits - German
Marvin Miller - Swahili
Kim Schmeits - Dutch

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Tim Walsh

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Okwagala kwe
means God's love
in the Lugandan
language.*

ANTHEM

Love

Christ Tomlin/arr. Fettle & Grassi

(The Chancel Choir with James Jordan, dancer/choreographer)

Okwagala kwe!

When our hope is hard to find,
and our faith is in decline,
we need a cause to stand behind: Love!

We all want the way it feels;
Time, it comes and time, it steals.
What remains? what is real? Love!

Chorus

There is love, there is forgiveness.
There is love in times of need.
When life is cold there is a promise:
You will never go without.
There is love. There is love.

It heals the sick, comforts the weak,
breaks the proud, raises the meek;
in this life no guarantees,
but there is love. (Chorus)

Bridge

Love is the answer.
Love will find a way.
When we love one another
it's a brighter day! (Chorus)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Much More Than Enough Talent
Much More Than Enough - Stewardship 2027

Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Kim Graham Scott Metz
Christine Hermann Emily Vogt

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Mystery

Charlie Hall

Sweet Jesus Christ, my sanity,
Sweet Jesus Christ, my clarity,
Bread of heaven broken for me,
Cup of Salvation held out to drink,
Jesus, mystery!

Chorus

Christ has died and
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again! (Verse & Chorus)

Bridge (2 times)

Celebrate His death and rising.
Lift your eyes, proclaim His coming!
Celebrate His death and rising,
Lift your eyes lift your eyes! (Chorus)

Ending

Sweet Jesus Christ my sanity...

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise . . .

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 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.**

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING SONG** *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

Pat Barrett

It all comes down to this:
What you require of me,
Love my neighbor as myself,
And You above all things.

Chorus

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly
With You, God.
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You, God.

It all comes down to this:
To be Your hands and feet,
Good news to all the world;
The truth will set us free! (Chorus)

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Bridge

It's beauty for ashes,
It's mourning to dancing,
It's closer and closer,
The Kingdom of heaven!

Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown,
Faith just like a seed,
The only way it grows.

Chorus

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly
With You, God.
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You, God.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Steven Phillips

The chalices and fabrics used on the communion table today represent people and countries from around the world including Czech Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, Kenya, South Korea, Lithuania, Mexico, Native American, Northern Ireland, Palestine, Peru, Senegal, South Africa and the United States.

The Session

Class of 2026

Mark Carleson, **P**
Leah Cotter, **E**
Steve Largo, **S**
Lisa Saba, **W**
Shelley Watson, **P**

Class of 2027

Jaime Bressan, **W**
Victoria Guenther, **N**
Janet Olshewsky, **F**
Seth Stottlemeyer, **N**
Denver Stutler, **S**

Class of 2028

Rick Foltz, **M**
Frank Frey, **F&P**
Victor Garraus, **F&P**
Pat Higgins, **E**
Randy Huffman, **M**
Kim Whitford, **F**

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Timothy T. Boggess, Pastor

Clerk: John A. Matta

Treasurer: Reva Mitchell

E = Education **F** = Fellowship & Membership **F&P** = Finance & Property **M** = Mission & Justice
N = Nominating **P** = Personnel **S** = Stewardship **W** = Worship & Music

The Staff

The Rev. Dr. Timothy T. Boggess, Pastor

Rachel Martin, Operations Manager

Jimi Camastro, Tech Manager

Steven Phillips, Director of Music

Lisa Garcia, Finance Manager

Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse

Darwin Goldsmith, Sexton

Tim Walsh, Interim DCE

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.