

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Join us in singing (When invited)

*I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back.
Though none go with me, I still will follow, Though none go with me, I still will follow,
Though none go with me, I still will follow, No turning back, no turning back*

Lector: God of surprises, we come here from the weariness of the week, from various triumphs, from fears and doubts.

Congregation: Open our hearts to receive your surprising message of hope for all people.

Lector: We are a diverse group of people. Some of us are feeling strong and at peace, and others just struggle to get through each day.

Congregation: Yet you draw us here where we will find friendship, peace, and hope not only for our lives right now but for all the times to come.

Lector: Raise us up, O God. Dust us off and put us back on the pathways of service and reconciliation.

Congregation: Warm our hearts with your love; lift our spirits with your power as we worship you this morning!

Opening Song "Awesome God"

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First Reading Romans 8: 12-17 See next page for reading

Gospel Reading Matthew 13: 24-30 See next page for reading

Gathering Song "You Are My All In All" See next page for lyrics

Sermon "The Wheat and the Weeds" Rev. Rick Rhen-Sosbe

Prayers of the People (Join us in singing when invited)

In solitude, in solitude, I come to God in prayer
In silence and simplicity, my spirit blossoms there
When-e're the world is troubling me, And stress is all around,
I seek the presence of my God, And healing light is found

**And, now, we will rise as we are able and pray the prayer
Jesus taught us, saying...**

*Our Creator, who art in heaven
Hallowed be Your name
Your kingdom come Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory Forever. Amen*

Offering

Offertory & Doxology Join us in singing

*I've Got Peace Like A River, I've Got Peace Like A River,
I've Got Peace Like A River, In My Soul.
I've Got Peace Like A River, I've Got Peace Like A River,
I've Got Peace Like A River, In My Soul.*

Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving The Holy One be with you And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Join us in singing the Communion Song when invited

*Jesus is here right now. Jesus is here
In this bread and wine, true peace we find
Christ Jesus is here right now*

Closing Song "Blessed Assurance" See next page for lyrics

Benediction

Lyrics

“Awesome God”

Our God Is An Awesome God.
You Reign From Heaven Above With Wisdom, Pow'r, And Love.
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You Reign! You Reign! You Reign! Our God Is An Awesome God.
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“You Are My All In All”

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak. You Are The Treasure That I Seek.
You Are My All In All.
Seeking You As A Precious Jew'l, God To Give Up I'd Be A Fool.
You Are My All In All.

Jesus, Lamb Of God, Worthy Is Your Name! Jesus, Lamb Of God, Worthy Is Your Name!

Taking Away My Greatest Pain, Lifting Me Up From My Disdain.
You Are My All In All.
When I Fall Down, You Pick Me Up; When I Am Dry, You Fill My Cup;
You Are My All In All.

Jesus, Lamb Of God, Worthy Is Your Name! Jesus, Lamb Of God, Worthy Is Your Name!

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood!

This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.

This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

First Reading Romans 8: 12-17

So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent.
There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent
burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons.
There are things to do and places to go!

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's
adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike “What's next?” God's Spirit
touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who God is, and we
know who we are: Heavenly Parent and children. And we know we are going to
get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly
what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with Christ, then we're
certainly going to go through the good times with him!

Gospel Reading Matthew 13: 24-30

Jesus told them another parable: “The realm of heaven is like a person who
sowed good seed in their field. But while everyone was sleeping, an enemy came
and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted
and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

“The owner's workers came to the owner and said, ‘Didn't you sow
good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

“‘An enemy did this,’ the owner replied.

“The workers asked the owner, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

“‘No,’ the owner answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may
uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest.
At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in
bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”