

Welcome and Announcement

Opening Prayer

Join us in singing when instructed

Give thanks, with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because we're given, Jesus Christ, Your Son. **(repeat)**

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong!"

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what our God has done for us."

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong!"

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what our God has done for us." Give thanks.

Lector: In these times of heightened anxiety, we who are gathered here today reject the teachings of division and ignorance; and commit to siding with love against hatred.

Congregation: *We bear witness.*

Lector: We who are gathered here, reject close-minded ideologies that excuse evil acts in the name of religion,

Congregation: *We bear witness.*

Lector: We who are gathered here, reject systemic power structures that treat transgender, genderqueer, and nonbinary people – particularly those who are people of color – as being anything less than human,

Congregation: *We bear witness.*

Lector: On this day, we who are queer folk and allies, gathered together, uphold the message of God's unconditional and inclusive love that speaks to the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Congregation: *We bear witness; we rejoice and we give thanks for this great love!*

Opening Song
"Bring Many Names"
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Out of the Box Moment

Scripture Reading
Isaiah 56:1-8
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Gathering Song
"God of Many Faces"
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Sermon
"Thankful Beyond the Binary"
Rev. Rick Rhen-Sosbe

Song of Reflection: Video

Prayers of the People

(Join us in signing when instructed)

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the sharing of a common life is like to that above. Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

(Join us in signing when instructed)

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear,
And often for each other flows a sympathizing tear. When we are called to part it gives us inward pain, But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again.

Lord's Prayer

Offering /Offertory

Doxology

We Give You But Your Own, Whate'er The Gift May Be;
All That We Have Is Yours Alone, We Give It Gratefully.

Communion

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.

May we never take this Holy Communion, or this community for granted, as we sing,

Join us in singing

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord.

Words of Institution

Celebrant: And so...
This morning, with faith and hope as your people, we proclaim together that,

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Prayer of Consecration
Thanksgiving and Prayer of Sending Forth

Closing Song
"God's Eye Is On The Sparrow"
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Benediction

Lyrics

“Bring Many Names”

Bring Many Names, Beautiful And Good, Celebrate, In Parable And Story,
Holiness In Glory, Living, Loving God. Hail And Hosanna! Bring Many Names!

Strong Mother God, Working Night And Day, Planning All The Wonders Of Creation,
Setting Each Equation, Genius At Play: Hail And Hosanna! Strong Mother God!

Warm Father God, Hugging Every Child, Feeling All The Strains Of Human Living,
Caring And Forgiving Till We're Reconciled: Hail And Hosanna! Warm Father God!

Old, Aching God, Grey With Endless Care, Calmly Piercing Evil's New Disguises,
Glad Of Good Surprises, Wiser Than Despair: Hail And Hosanna, Old, Aching God!

Young Growing God, Eager On The Move, Saying No To Falsehood And Unkindness,
Crying Out For Justice, Giving All You Have: Hail And Hosanna, Young, Growing God!

Great, Living God, Never Fully Known, Joyful Darkness Far Beyond Our Seeing,
Closer Yet Than Breathing, Everlasting Home: Hail And Hosanna, Great, Living God!

Transgender God, Oft' Misunderstood, Calls Us All To Celebrate Uniqueness.
Casting Light On Darkness, Showing Love's The Way.
Hail And Hosanna, Transgender God!

“God Of Many Faces”

God Of Many Faces, We Offer Our Praise, Singing Your Glory Through All Of Our Days.
Hear Ever Growing Voices, Once Fragile, Now Strong,
Carrying Melodies In Expansive New Songs.

God Of Many Genders, Our World Reflects You, Sunrise And Sunset Uniting Our Hues,
Woven Into A City With Jewels Of All Shades,
Houses Of Ruby And Walls Rowed With Jade.

God Of Many Names, We Invite You To Show Us The New Names That Reflect Our True Souls.
Breathe With Your Holy Spirit To Give Us The Word
That Will Indwell Dry Bones, Granting New Life Once Heard.

God Of Many Bodies, Abide Within Ours, Shifting More Each Day Through Time And Through Scars.
Come Sanctify Our Bodies, All Fashioned By You,
Holier Everyday, Still Becoming More True.

“God's Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Why Should I Feel Discouraged, Why Should The Shadows Come,
Why Should My Heart Be Lonely And Long For Heaven And Home,
When God Is Ever My Portion? My Constant Friend Will Be:
God's Eye Is On The Sparrow, And I Know God Watches Me;
God's Eye Is On The Sparrow, And I Know God Watches Me.

I Sing Because I'm Happy, I Sing Because I'm Free,
God's Eye Is On The Sparrow, And I Know God Watches Me.

Whenever I Am Tempted, Whenever Clouds Arise,
When Song Gives Place To Sighing, When Hope Within Me Dies,
I Then Draw Close To My Savior, From Care I Am Set Free:
God's Eye Is On The Sparrow, And I Know God Watches Me;
God's Eye Is On The Sparrow, And I Know God Watches Me.

I Sing Because I'm Happy, I Sing Because I'm Free,
God's Eye Is On The Sparrow, And I Know God Watches Me.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 56:1-8

This is what our God says: “Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.
Blessed is the one who does this—
the person who holds it fast,
who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it,
and keeps their hands from doing any evil.”
Let no foreigner who is bound to God say,
“God will surely exclude me from God's people.”
And let no eunuch complain,
“I am only a dry tree.”

For this is what our God says:
“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose what pleases me
and hold fast to my covenant—
to them I will give within my temple and its walls
a memorial and a name
better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that will endure forever.
And foreigners who bind themselves to God
to minister to God,
to love the name of our God,
and to be God's servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.”
The Sovereign God declares—
Those who gather the exiles of Israel:
“I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.”