

## Welcome and Announcements

## Opening Prayer

## Join Us in Singing:

Make Us One, God, Make Us One;  
Holy Spirit, Make Us One.

Let Your Love Flow So The World Will Know We Are One In You.  
(Repeat)

Leader: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –  
People: **God has blessed us with life, with community and with faith.**

Leader: Let us worship God today, for God is good –  
People: **God lifts us, and encourages us, and loves us.**

Leader: Let us worship God today –  
People: **Because we are God's people. Let us worship God.**

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## Opening Song

## "Come To The Waters"

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## First Reading

Daniel 6:1-23

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## Reprise

## Second Reading

Daniel 13:23

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## Gathering Song

"Ask Me What Great Thing I know"

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## Sermon

Rev. Rick Rhen-Sosbe

## Song of Reflection

## Prayers of the People

(Join us in signing when instructed)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O God, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

## Lord's Prayer

## Offering /Offertory

## Doxology

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!  
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## 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 taste and see your goodness as we sing...

Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

## And so...

**This morning, with faith and hope as your people, we proclaim together that,**

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!**

## Join us in singing:

Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

## Closing Song

## "Give Thanks"

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## Benediction

**Lyrics****“Come To The Waters”****Join Us In Singing The Chorus****Congregation Sings:**

Come, Jesus Is Calling To You.  
 “Reach Out, Take My Hand. You’ll Not Fall.  
 Come, Come, I Am Waiting For You. O'er The  
 Waters Of Life, Hear My Call.”

**“Ask Me What Great Thing I Know”**

Ask Me What Great Thing I Know That Delights And Stirs Me So,  
 What The High Reward I Win, Whose The Name I Glory In:  
 Jesus Christ, The Crucified.

Who Defeats My Fiercest Foes? Who Consoles My Saddest Woes?  
 Who Revives My Fainting Heart, Healing All That Grief Imparts?  
 Jesus Christ, The Crucified.

Who Is Life In Life To Me? Who The Death Of Death Will Be?  
 Who Holds All My Days Secure, In God’s Heart Where Love Is Sure?  
 Jesus Christ, The Crucified.

This Is That Great Thing I Know; This Delights And Stirs Me So:  
 Faith In Christ Who Died To Save, Christ Who Triumphed O'er The Grave,  
 Jesus Christ, The Crucified.

**“Give Thanks”**

Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart, Give Thanks To The Holy One,  
 Give Thanks Because You’ve Given Jesus Christ Your Son.

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 Give Thanks Because You’ve Given Jesus Christ Your Son.

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.

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 Let The Poor Say “I Am Rich”  
 Because Of What Our God Has Done For Us.  
 Give Thanks!

**First Reading**

It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss.

Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever! The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den. Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” So King Darius put the decree in writing.

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

**Second Reading**

Then they said to the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.” When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, “Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.” So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! My God sent an angel, and shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in God’s sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.