

August 17, 2025 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Opening Hymn: All Are Welcome

Vs. 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace:
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Vs. 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all god's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus;
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Gift Preparation Hymn: Only This I Want

Ref. Only this I want: but to know the Lord,
And to bear his cross so to wear the crown he wore.

Vs. 1 All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me,
For to gain the Lord is to gain all I need,

Vs. 2 I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,
So to win the prize of the Kingdom of my Lord.

Vs. 3 Let your heart be glad, always glad in the Lord,
So to shine like stars in the darkness of the night.

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Communion Hymn: Behold the Lamb

Vs. 1 Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight;
We who live, we who die are grateful for this gift, thankful for God's love.

Refrain: Behold, behold the Lamb of God.
All who eat, all who drink shall live;
And all, all who dwell in God, shall come to know God's glory.

Vs. 2 Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding
Of the wheat, of the wine united with God's word and the love we share.

Vs. 3 Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table.
Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace.

Vs. 4 Lord of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil.
Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love.

Go Forth: Go Make a Difference

Refrain: Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Vs. 1 We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see
the love of God in you and me.
We are light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Vs. 2 We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.