

# The Holy Eucharist

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

10:00 AM



Saint Luke's Parish  
Darien, Connecticut

## Welcome!

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are so glad you have joined us for worship today. May you know the presence of the living God who welcomes you here. Everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this leaflet. Ushers are available to answer any questions or direct you as needed. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete and return a welcome card so we can be in touch. May God bless you now and always.

## About Today's Service

Today's liturgy focuses on faith. In the gospel reading, the disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. His response is to teach that faith is expressed by being God's obedient servants, not doing so in expectation of a reward.

The prophet Habakkuk, writing at a time when powerful enemies threatened the very existence of Israel, also speaks of faith. After describing the terrible power of their foes, he brings a message from God that the day is coming when God will intervene on the people's behalf. The prophet says that, while the proud will be destroyed, the righteous will live by their faith.

The second reading is from the second letter to Timothy. The writer, after reminding Timothy of his heritage of a faithful family, speaks of his own vocation. Paul as a herald, apostle, and teacher has persevered, certain that God will be faithful to the promise to all people.

We gather as people on pilgrimage toward God. Like our forebears, the outcome of our journey cannot be seen now, but we trust that it will bring us to our true home with God. Faith is not merely a vague yearning for God, nor is it summed up in believing the correct doctrines about God. It is remaining true to God's call as we persevere in the journey as obedient servants.

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In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayers,  
please observe silence upon entering the church.

*"Be still and know that I am God." -Psalm 46:10*

Opening Voluntary

Rector's Welcome

Hymn 535 *Sung by all, standing.*

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.

Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765;

harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875–1947)

# The Word of God

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

*All*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Song of Praise

*Sung by all.*

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord  
God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_  
— for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your  
tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,

you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*  
*People*  
*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The First Lesson | Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## Psalm 37:1-10 *Sung by the Choir.*

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the LORD, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the LORD \*  
and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Setting: Thomas Norris (1741-1790)

## The Second Lesson | 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord

*People*                    Thanks be to God.

### The Gospel Acclamation                    *Sung by all, standing.*



*Cantor*                    Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People*                    **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Cantor*                    O Lord, how long shall I cry for help\*  
And you will not listen?

*People*                    **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## The Gospel | Luke 17:5-10

*Deacon*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*                    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

*Deacon*                    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

## The Nicene Creed

*Said by all, standing.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People | Form VI

*Deacon* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;  
*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God.  
*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops in Connecticut;  
*People* Jeff, our Bishop-elect; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**



*Leader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Leader* Hear us Lord;  
*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

*Leader* We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Leader* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Leader* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*The people kneel. Silence may be kept.*

*All* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## The Holy Communion

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## Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

-Psalm 96:8

## Offertory Anthem

*Sung by the choir.*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help,  
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
The Lord is thy keeper; thy shade upon thy right hand.  
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, He shall preserve thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in  
From this time forth and even for evermore.

Text: from Psalms 121

Music: Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

## Presentation Hymn

*Sung by all.*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.

## The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# Sanctus and Benedictus *Sung by all.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

*The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*

**Christ has died.  
 Christ is risen.  
 Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All*

**AMEN.**

*Celebrant*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread *Sung by all.*

*Cantor or Choir*

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* 2 *Cantor or Choir*

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

*All*

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Setting: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

## The Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and then take a sip of wine from the chalice, guiding the chalice to your lips. Pursuant to Diocesan policy and in the interest of public health, we do not permit intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) at this time. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest*

## Communion Anthem

*Sung by the choir.*

A Repeating Alleluia

Music: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

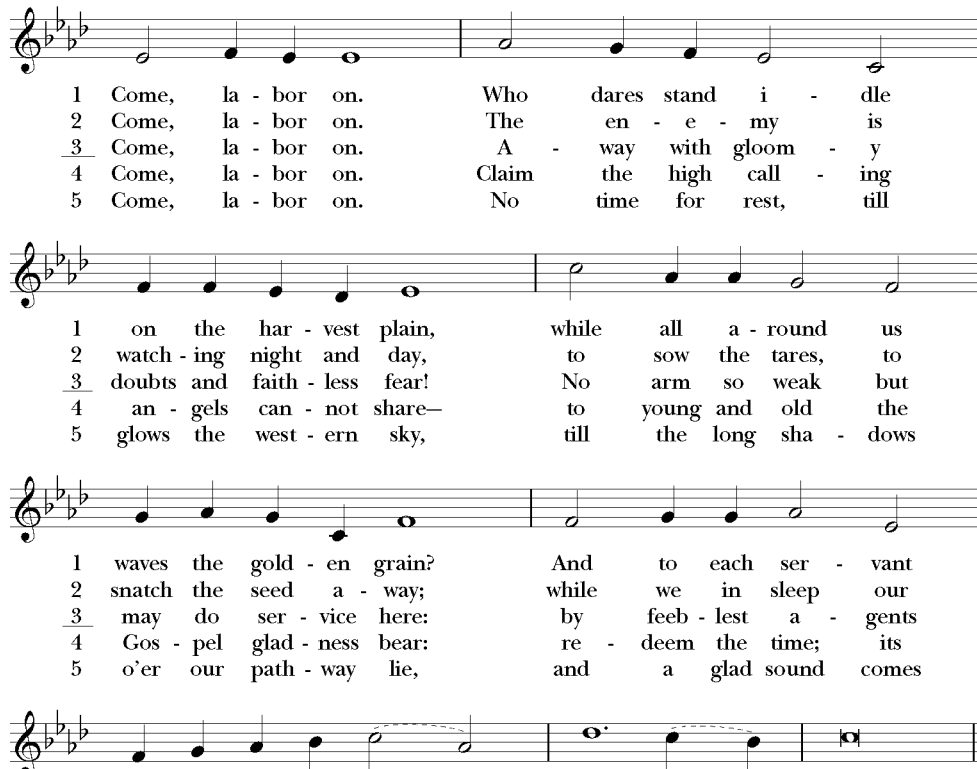
*People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

### Hymn 541

*Sung by all, standing.*



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle  
2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is  
3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y  
4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing  
5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till

1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us  
2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to  
3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but  
4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the  
5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows

1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant  
2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our  
3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents  
4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its  
5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes

1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."  
2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.  
3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.  
4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.  
5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

Text: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813–1897), alt.

Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867–1953)

## The Dismissal

*Deacon*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## Closing Voluntary

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Judy Kemp from her friends and family.

## Participants in Today's Service

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Susan C. Wyper
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Hannah G. Pommersheim
<b>Assisting</b>	Paul J. Keene
<b>Lectors</b>	John Wall, Annie Slaughter
<b>Intercessor</b>	Martha Cook
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Merrill Collins Peterkin, Annie Slaughter
<b>Musicians</b>	David Pulliam, Will Roslak, the Saint Luke's Parish Choir
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark Campbell, Andrew Stewart, Charlie Koons, Tim Reid, Whit Benedict
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kristen Nelson, Verna Young, Jane Bowen, Pam Vossler
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Guusje Wernink, Karen Davey, Alex Pochna
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Coleen Thompson

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Why does the Episcopal liturgy typically use wafers instead of bread?** The Last Supper was held during the Jewish holiday of Passover, which commemorates the Hebrews' flight from captivity in Egypt. The Bible says that they prepared the Passover meal "in haste," which meant they didn't have time for leavened bread to "rise" before baking it. Instead, they served unleavened bread (bread made without yeast), which is very flat. We believe that this Passover tradition was incorporated during the Last Supper, which is why most Communion services in the Episcopal Church use either unleavened bread "wafers" or Pita bread instead of pieces of regular bread. That being said, some churches do use regular bread during the Communion service and they are of course free to do so.

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The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

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Grow

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## Our Vision

A world transformed by the love of Jesus Christ  
for all people.

## Our Mission

Living together as disciples of Christ, we seek to:

**Grow personally in faith,**  
*acknowledging our imperfection and need of grace;*

**Build an accepting & transforming community,**  
*extending God's unconditional welcome to all;*

**Work alongside our neighbors,**  
*forming partnerships to serve the world.*

Let it begin with me.

## Our Invitation

**Grow** in love of God.

**Love** your neighbor as yourself.

**Serve** the world in Christ's name.