



# September 18, 2022

## Thresholds

## God In The Center

Thank you for viewing our online bulletin for September 18, 2022. Full texts of the readings and hymns are provided below.

### 8:30 AM Worship

#### Leaders

Accompanist	Slides	Video	Assisting Minister	Cantor	Communion Server	Lector	Worship Leader
Stephanie Morrison	Jan Haas	Zee Zepeda	Reggie Kikta	Gus Sterneman	Diane McGowan	Kurt Lowe	Brad Highum

### 11:00 AM Worship

#### Leaders

Accompanist	Slides	Assisting Minister	Cantor	Communion Server	Lector	Worship Leader
Stephanie Morrison	Cindy Atwell	Reggie Kikta	Gus Sterneman	Karron Lewis	Sue Milam	Brad Highum

One of the blessings of Celtic Christian spirituality is its emphasis on the reality of God at the center of all that is. Rather than the transcendent God of mystery beyond, Celtic Christian tradition has been drawn to the immanent God who is the source and ground of being. God is the light shining forth from all creation and from the deepest level of our being. It's not a matter of "putting God" at the center of our lives and relationships. God is there, inviting us to awaken to that reality, to live in that presence and to know God in the center.

## Prelude

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*Wonderful Words of Life* arr. Mark Hayes

TBD

## Welcome and Gathering

### Welcome

### Teach New Service Music

*Crossing the Threshold*

Sterneman

Holy, holy, holy are you  
God of love and light  
The heavens and the earth are filled  
With all the works of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest  
Oh blessed is your name  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna in the highest.

## Song of Celebration

*Arise, Your Light is Come*

ELW 314 --- Verses: All

Verse 1

Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.

#### Verse 2

Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.

#### Verse 3

Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.

#### Verse 4

Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.

### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The keeping of God upon you in every pass,  
The shielding of Christ upon you in every path,  
The bathing of Spirit upon you in every stream,  
In every land and sea you go.

**And also on you, wherever you go.**

God of life, life draws us to the spinning edge of experience, drawing us further from the solidity and stability of the center. Help us to re-center ourselves in you, in your goodness and grace, and to live life from there.  
**Amen.**

### The Readings

#### First Reading Isaiah 45:5-8,18-20

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>5</sup> I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup> so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things. <sup>8</sup> Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also; I the Lord have created it.

<sup>18</sup> For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens, who formed the earth and established it: I am the Lord, and there is no other. <sup>19</sup> I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, "Seek me in chaos." I the Lord speak the truth, I declare what is right.

And the Word was with God. **And the Word was God.**

#### Psalm Reading Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup> **They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.**

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup> **for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## Second Reading 1 John 1:1-7

A reading from 1 John:

<sup>1</sup> We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup> this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup> we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

And the Word was with God. **And the Word was God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807 --- Verses: 1

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of thy unchanging love

## The Gospel John 1:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light,

but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message

Children's Message

Finger Labyrinth

Sermon

Time of Reflection

*Time of Reflection*

ad libitum

Prayers and Offerings

Song of the Day

*I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light*

ELW 815 --- Verses: All

Verse 1

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,

and show me the way to the Father. Refrain

Verse 3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

Prayers of the People

Threshold Moment

Threshold Song

## *Is Every Time a Threshold Time?*

ASF 19 --- Verses: 1

Is every time a threshold time?  
A time of eager yearning?  
When One foretold by seers of old  
Is coming or returning?

## **Special Music (08:30am)**

*To Be Determined*

TBD

## **Special Music (11:00am)**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Aaron David Miller

## **Offering Prayer**

## **Communion Liturgy**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Crossing the Threshold*

Sterneman

The Grace of God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Crossing the Threshold*

Sterneman

It is our duty and our delight  
That again and again, from each universal gathering  
—of creatures, nations, planets, time, and space—  
to the next, we may offer gifts of gratitude to You.  
And so, with the light and life  
of all Your creation  
and the infinite hosts of heaven,  
we praise Your name in song  
and join in their unending hymn:

## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Crossing the Threshold*

Sterneman

Holy, holy, holy are you  
God of love and light  
The heavens and the earth are filled  
with all the works of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest  
Oh blessed is your name  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.

## Words of Institution

### 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Holy Communion

### Invitation

All are welcome to celebrate communion at Abiding Love. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray. Children and adults not communing are welcome to receive a blessing. Please follow the direction of the ushers

### Communion Song

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

ACS 966 --- Verses: All

Verse 1  
Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
by the Galilean shore.  
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven,  
was their food forevermore.

Refrain  
By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Verse 2  
Loaves were broken, words were spoken

in a quiet room one night.  
In the bread and wine you gave them,  
Christ, you came as Light from Light. Refrain

#### Verse 3

Loaves are broken, words are spoken,  
as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages:  
"I am with you; do not fear!" Refrain

#### Verse 4

By the loaves you break and give us,  
send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger,  
words that tell your love and care. Refrain

### Communion Song

#### *As We Gather At Your Table*

ELW 522 --- Verses: All

#### Verse 1

As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

#### Verse 2

Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

#### Verse 3

Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

### Communion Prayer

#### Sending Forth

#### Announcements

#### Blessing

## Sending Song

### *O God Our Help In Ages Past*

ELW 632 --- Verses: 1,3,4,6

#### Verse 1

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

#### Verse 3

Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.

#### Verse 4

A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

#### Verse 6

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

## Mission and Peace

*Assisting Minister:*

We go forth together, **sharing God's love.**

*Pastor:*

The peace of God be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Gus Sterneman:*

Let us sing that blessing to one another.

## Mission Response

### *Go Forth with a Song*

ALLC Mission Response

May your life be filled with love.  
May your heart be filled with harmony.  
May your days be filled with joy.  
Go forth with a song.  
May your life be filled with love.  
Go forth with a song.

## Postlude

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*O God Our Help In Ages Past arr. Cindy Berry*

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