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Thresholds

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Thank you for viewing our online bulletin for September 11, 2022. Full texts of the readings and hymns are provided below.

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Cordelia Bryant 8:30
MB 11:00

Prelude

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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

Welcome and Gathering

Call to Worship

Is Every Time a Threshold Time?

ASF 19 --- Verses: 1,2

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

Can all this dark, by candle spark,

Be bright as noon-time gladness?
Can shadowed night be turned to light
Dispelling earth-bound sadness?

Welcome

Song of Celebration

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

ELW 242

Verse 1

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.

Verse 2

To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.

Verse 3

In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.

Verse 4

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer

and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

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.

Light of all creation, you invite us to be reborn in Christ. As we stand at the threshold of new days, help us to lay down burdens we have carried for too long; anything that works to separate us from the grace and goodness that is you. Amen.

Please be seated as we continue with the readings.

The Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 43:14-19

A reading from Isaiah:

¹⁴ Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. ¹⁵ I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. ¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

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

Psalm Reading

Psalm 33:1-6

A responsive reading from Psalm 33:

¹ Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

² **Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.**

³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴ **For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

⁶ **By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

A reading from Revelation:

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

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 3:1-8

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

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs

that you do apart from the presence of God." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

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

The Message

Children's Message

Sermon

Time of Reflection
Time of Reflection
ad libitum

Prayers and Offerings

Song of the Day
The Night You Gave Us, God, Has Ended
ACS 994 --- Verses: 2,3,4,5

Verse 2
We thank you for each glorious sunrise
that paints the earth a golden hue;
each day your grace grants new beginnings,
the chance to start again anew.

Verse 3
Bless those who work in hours of darkness,
who serve and toil while others sleep;
their lives of caring and protecting
reflect your love so strong and deep.

Verse 4
We pray for energy and passion
to live our lives each day for you;
may all around us sense your presence
in all we say and all we do.

Verse 5
We praise you, God, for nature's rhythms,

for dark and daylight, stars and sun;
your whole creation sings your glory,
O Trinity, most Holy One.

Prayers of the People

Special Music

Flow My Tears

Default Arrangement

Flow My Tears
by John Dowland

Cordelia Bryant and Stephanie Morrison

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?

Offering Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Our offering prayer reflects the help and work that your gifts do every day here at Abiding Love and in the greater community. Wooden trays are provided in the back for additional offerings. Let us pray.

Lord, we thank for your abiding faithfulness, that we can put our faith and trust in you. In your abundant grace and compassion, you provide all that is needed for us to live in your will and your way.

We offer our gifts this day, celebrating the fountain of blessing from which they flow. Use these gifts and the offering of ourselves to bless all people and the whole of your creation. Amen

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 joy and our delight

That again and again, from each universal gathering

—of creatures, nations, planets, time, and space—

unto 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

Break Now the Bread Of Life

ELW 515 --- Verses: All

Verse 1

Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living Word.

Verse 2

Bless your own word of truth,
dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace,
my All-in-All!

Verse 3

You are the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;
teach me to love your truth,
for you are love.

Communion Song

In This Feast of Love

ACS 962 --- Verses: All

Verse 1

In this feast of love,
in this feast of love,
Lord, you share your blood and your body,
Jesus, Lamb of God.

Verse 2

In this bread and wine,
in this bread and wine,
you have promised, Lord, to be with us,
Lamb of God divine.

Verse 3

Grant us peace, O Lord,
grant us peace, O Lord;
fill us with the joy of your Spirit,
ever-living Word.

Communion Prayer

Light of all life, you have gathered us at your table and fed us with heavenly food, gifts of blessing flowing from your hand.

In the bread and wine we share, we are fed by the goodness of your creation. You renew our lives in the life of your Son. You make a wellspring for us in a dry and thirsty place. Now send us forth refreshed into the world. Amen.

Sending Forth

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song

How Marvelous God's Greatness

ELW 830

Verse 1

How marvelous God's greatness,
how glorious God's might!
To this the world bears witness
in wonders day and night:
in form of flow'r and snowflake,
in morn's resplendent birth,
in afterglow at ev'ning,

in sky and sea and earth.

Verse 2

Each tiny flow'ret whispers,
the great life-giver's name;
the mighty mountain masses
his majesty proclaim;
the valleys deep are hymning
God's shelter for his own;
the snow-capped peaks are pointing
to God's almighty throne.

Verse 3

The ocean's vast abysses
in one grand psalm record
the deep mysterious counsels,
and mercies of the Lord;
the icy waves of winter
are thund'ring on the strand;
and grief's chill stream is guided
by God's all-gracious hand.

Verse 4

The starry hosts are singing
through all the light-strewn sky
of God's majestic temple
and palace courts on high;
when in these outer chambers
such glory gilds the night,
oh, what transcendent brightness
is God's eternal light!

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

Postlude
Postlude
TBD

