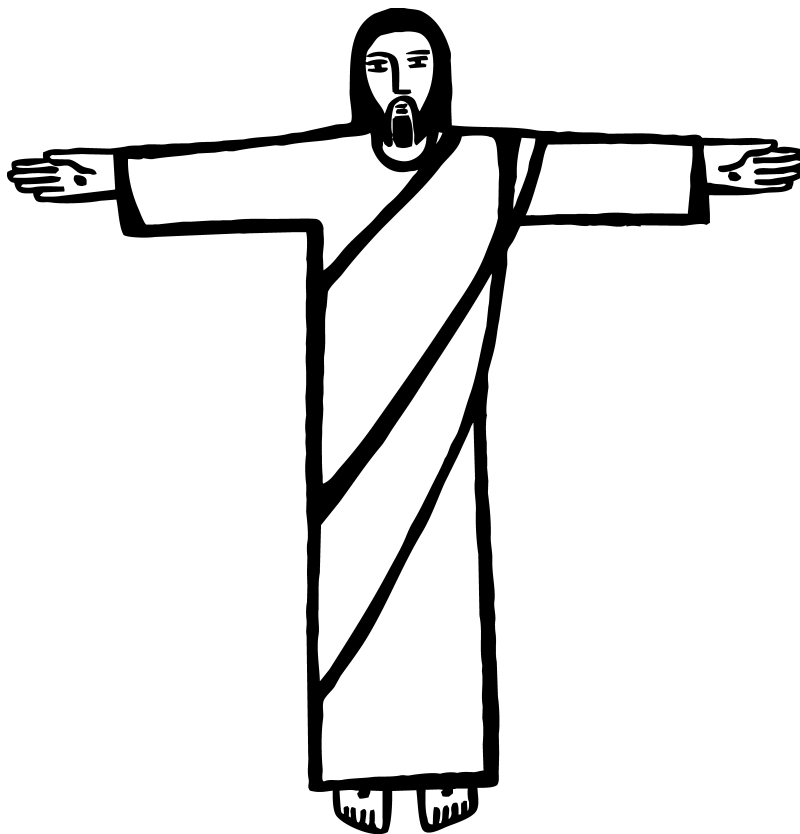


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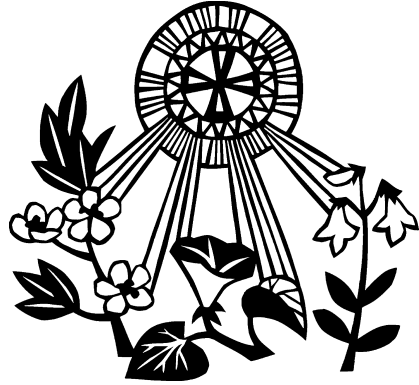
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Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.



Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

Today is Youth Leadership Sunday.



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

*“Mazurka Op.68 No.3” by Frédéric Chopin
Amy Cho, piano*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 66

- Pastor Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
All Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.
- Pastor For you, O God, have tested us;
All you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- Pastor Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.
All I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.
- Pastor Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
All nor withheld unfailing love from me.

GATHERING HYMN
All sing.

Your Everlasting Love

Isaiah 54:8-10

$\text{♩} = 132$

1. Your ev - er - last - ing love is high - er,
 (2.) - er - last - ing love is deep - er,
 (3.) - er - last - ing love is reach - ing,

high - er, high - er than the sky. Your ev -
 deep - er, deep - er than the sea. Your ev -
 reach - ing, reach - ing out to me. Your ev -

er - last - ing love is high - er,
 er - last - ing love is deep - er,
 er - last - ing love is reach - ing,

high - er, high - er than the
 deep - er, deep - er than the
 reach - ing, reach - ing out to

sky, high - er than the sky.
 sea, deep - er than the sea.
 me, reach - ing out to me.

Oh, the won - der of your ev - er - last - ing love is high - er than the
 Oh, the won - der of your ev - er - last - ing love is deep - er than the
 Oh, the won - der of your ev - er - last - ing love is reach - ing out to

sky.
 sea.
 me.

*Last time
 end here*

2. Your ev -
 3. Your ev -

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor Christ has risen and we have risen to new life with him. Let us confess the ways we have continued to remain in the tombs of sin and death.

All Living God, when we stand before the empty tomb we do not always feel the joy of the resurrection. We sometimes live in fear, doubt, and distrust. We sometimes feel empty. Forgive that which paralyzes us and prevents us from enjoying our new life in Christ. Forgive that which makes us doubt your unfailing love. Forgive that which tempts us away from the joy of your presence. Fill our emptiness with your glorious light.

Pastor Let us awaken and rise from our sleep. Let the light of Christ shine on us. Christ has forgiven our sins. Christ calls us to new life. Christ will lead us into righteousness. I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's love that we know through his Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

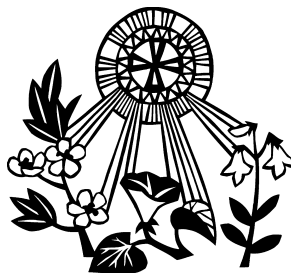
All Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



+ THE WORD +

Reading: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader Word of God, word of life.
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

**Please stand
and sing.**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two staves (treble and bass clef) with lyrics: "Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -". The second system also has two staves with lyrics: "- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -" and "Hal - le - lu - jah." below the tenor line. The third system has two staves with lyrics: "lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah." The piano accompaniment is written in a simple, rhythmic style with chords and moving lines in both hands.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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The Gospel is announced.

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

SERMON

The Presence of Another
Pastor Sharon Core

Please stand and sing.

Be My Home

Be my Sav - ior; be my heart's de - light.
Be my vi - sion; be my guid - ing light.
Storms may press a - gainst me, threat-en to pre - vail.
Be my ref - uge; be my shel - ter from the storm.
Be my love that keeps me warm; be my
Sav - ior, be my light; be my home.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami
Music: BE MY HOME, Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

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APOSTLES' CREED

Asst. Min.

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

All

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:

Asst. Min. Merciful God.
All receive our prayer.

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All Amen.

SHARING THE LORD’S PEACE

Please greet one another with words such as “God’s peace be with you.”

Sit

Pastor May the peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offerings to God are first of all just that – offerings of thanksgiving to God. As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts.

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.

OFFERING MUSIC

*“What an Awesome God” by Richard Mullins, Phil Wickham, and Jonathan Smith
Youth Choir*

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

Text and music: Dwight Liles
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G C² Dm⁷ C²/E C/E

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E 3 Dm⁷ Dm⁷/G 3 C

lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray.
All **Risen Lord,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.**

+ COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
All **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.**

Pastor Come, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

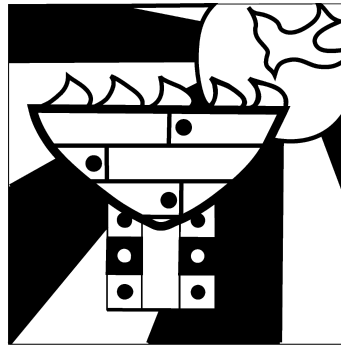
*Communion will be offered by intinction. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
For those not comfortable receiving from those who are distributing the elements, a separate
tray is available.*

*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine is invited to come forward for a
blessing. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms.
You are an important part of our faith community.*

In Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of Christ.

COMMUNION SONG

*“Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel?” arranged by Brian Dean
Bree Dillaman, voice*



Please stand.

Pastor

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

All

Amen.

PRAYER

Asst. Min.

Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home
among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to
anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the na-
tions. In the name of Jesus,

All

Amen.

+ THE SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Pastor

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of
the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, + bless you now and forever.

All

Amen.

Be Bold, Be Strong

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Morris Chapman

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of Bb, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note Bb, a quarter note Eb, and a quarter note Bb. A repeat sign follows. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note Bb, a quarter note Eb, a quarter note Bb, and a quarter note Eb. The third staff has a quarter rest, a quarter note Bb, a quarter note Eb, and a quarter note Bb. The fourth staff continues with a quarter note Bb, a quarter note Eb, a quarter note Bb, and a quarter note Eb. The fifth staff has a quarter rest, a quarter note Bb, a quarter note Eb, and a quarter note Bb. The sixth staff continues with a quarter note Bb, a quarter note Eb, a quarter note Bb, and a quarter note Eb. The lyrics are: "Be bold, be strong, for the Lord, thy God is with thee. Be bold, Lord, my God is with me. I'm bold, be strong, for the Lord, thy God is with thee. Lord, my God is with me. Do not be afraid, I am not afraid. do not be dismayed, I am not dismayed. I'm".

Be bold, be strong, for the
(2.) I'm strong, strong, for the

Lord, thy God is with thee. Be bold,
Lord, my God is with me. I'm bold,

be strong, strong, for the
I'm strong, strong, for the

Lord, thy God is with thee.
Lord, my God is with me.

Do not be a - fraid, —
I am not a - fraid, —

do not be dis - mayed. —
I am not dis - mayed. — I'm

E \flat F Gm

walk in — faith — and vic - to - ry,
walk - ing in faith — and vic - to - ry. I'm

E \flat F Gm

walk in — faith — and vic - to - ry,
walk - ing in faith — and vic - to - ry. I'm

E \flat F Gm F E \flat

walk in — faith — and vic - to - ry, For the Lord, —
walk - ing in faith — and vic - to - ry. For the Lord, —

3rd time to Coda ⊕ F Cm/B \flat 1. B \flat

— thy God — is with thee. Be strong
— my God — is

2. B \flat

thee. Run — through the camp, tell — ev - 'ry - bod - y get read -

A \flat 2 E \flat

- y, get read - y. Run —


B \flat
 — through the camp, tell — ev - 'ry - bod - y get read -

A \flat 2 **E \flat**
 - y. get read - y. Are you read -

B \flat **A \flat** **E \flat**
 - y to take the land, are you read -

B \flat **A \flat** **E \flat**
 - y to take a stand, — are you read -

Gm7 **C**
 - y to take this land for the Lord? —

Fsus **F** *D.S. al Coda* 
 2. I'm bold

Coda **Cm/B \flat** **B \flat**
 with me.

DISMISSAL

Asst. Min.

All

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE**

*“Allegro Barbaro” by Béla Bartók
Eric Cho, piano*

Not Orphaned

“I will not leave you orphaned,” Jesus promises us in today’s gospel. God is not some ruthless heavenly spectator judging us as on reality television, relishing our failures, wishing to exchange us for a better or more attractive child, no curmudgeonly “Daddy Warbucks” in the sky. Rather, God comes to love us in Jesus, singularly loving and accepting, seeking our trust, promising to be ever-present with us in the Holy Spirit. This Holy Advocate moves us even when we don’t recognize its power, even when it seems “an unknown God” (Acts 17:23). Though we might battle an elemental loneliness, we have not been abandoned.

Many life experiences can leave us feeling orphaned or abandoned. Family can ease that feeling but also magnify it if our family relationships are strained or if our families live far away. Think of those in your congregation who count deployed soldiers among their loved ones in recent years, or construction workers and tradesmen who need to live in hotels far away from their families to keep making money for their families in the recent difficult economy. The Internet, webcams, Skype, and social networking can link people across the miles but can further aggravate loneliness and isolation when these substitute for real intimacy in our highly connected world. How do we experience this loneliness and this longing for home and belonging? How does Jesus’ promise that he will not leave us orphaned speak to these real-life concerns?

When Jesus makes this string of promises in John 14, saying that he will remain with us in the Holy Spirit as our Advocate, it’s hard to envision how this support comes to us sometimes. When we do not get to see or hear those we love, the simple gifts Jesus offers in body and blood, bread and wine shared with real warm neighbors have great power. Even when life keeps delivering bad news about how far apart we are from another, how broken our relationships are, “I will not leave you orphaned” is the godly reassurance that we are not alone.

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9:45 am for the contemporary service and 8:30 am and 11 am for traditional services

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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