

WE ARE GATHERED

SONG- YOU'RE WORTHY OF MY PRAISE

Worship Song – EVERY PRAISE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS (pastor front center)

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- WL: Last Announcement: Let us stand, turn to our neighbor and say hello.

WL: Please join me in prayer ... <PAUSE>

WL: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God is forgiving and gracious.

Join with me in your hearts for this time of confession.

ALL: We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone, and we grow fearful. We cling to false comforts, and we turn away from our neighbors. We plead: come to us, bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: Friends, God's spirit embraces us with forgiveness and grace. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Worship Song – YOU KEEP HOPE ALIVE

P: The congregation may be seated.

WE ARE TRANSFORMED

Children's Message

Word – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 *NRSVue*

Introduction: Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we focus on human leaders or institutions and forget we belong to Christ. The unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation. A reading from 1st Corinthians, chapter 1

P: ¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose.

¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Jamil Zoughbi

SERMON RESPONSE – FIRM FOUNDATION (HE WON’T)

WL: Please stand. We join in a time of prayer. Following each petition, please join me in saying: Your mercy is great. Let us pray.

After each petition, please respond with:

WL: Hear Us, O God;

All: your mercy is great.

Offering

WL: You may be seated.

- We take a moment to offer our thanks to God.
- I invite you to use the gratitude card in your bulletin.
- Place it in the offering plate your gratitude card along with any offering. You can also make an offering electronically.

Would the ushers please come forward.

Offering Song-*Special music* - YOUTH CHOIR – “LIGHT OF THE WORLD” by Bagenfeldt

Communion

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

P: Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

P: You may be seated. Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward. There is gluten free bread and juice available upon request. The table is set and all are welcome. (optional) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Distribution – YOUTH HANDBELLS

Post communion prayer:

P: We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news and proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Sending & Blessing

WL:

ALL: Amen.

Sending Song – WE HAVE OVERCOME

Dismissal

WL: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

ALL: Thanks be to God!