

**WE ARE GATHERED**

**SONG- YOU'RE WORTHY OF MY 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: Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

**Worship Song – OH OUR LORD**

**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 – TOUCH THE SKY**

*P: The congregation may be seated.*

**WE ARE TRANSFORMED**

**Children's Message**

**Word – Galatians 5:1, 13-25 NRSVue**

**Introduction:** In today's reading to the Galatians, Paul writes that freedom in Christ does not mean we do whatever we want, instead we experience life-changing freedom through the Holy Spirit. Our holy scripture today comes from Galatians, chapter 5...

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**The First Reading:** Galatians 5:1, 13-25 *NRSVue*

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.  
L: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON – CRAIG**

**SERMON RESPONSE – I SURRENDER**

*After each petition, please respond with:*

P: God of grace,

**ALL: hear our prayer**

## **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- From the Inside Out**

## **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 – HOW HE LOVES**

#### **Post communion prayer:**

P: Blessed Jesus,  
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.  
Now send us forth to extend our tables  
and to share your gifts  
until that day when all feast together  
at your heavenly banquet.

**All: Amen.**

### **WE ARE SENT**

#### **Sending & Blessing**

WL: God sends us forth with the immeasurable gift of faith.

**All: We will live in the joy of our salvation.**

WL: God sends us forth to walk in the light of holy love.

**All: We will walk in the light of Christ.**

WL: God sends us forth in spirit and in truth.

**All: We will journey in the Spirit's tender mercies.**

WL: God bless you + that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**ALL: AMEN.**

### **Sending Song – GLORY TO GOD FOREVER**

#### **Dismissal**

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**