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♦ We are a diverse, welcoming, loving, grace-filled community.
♦ We are a safe place of acceptance and forgiveness.
♦ It feels good to be here.

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† † GATHERING † †

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(We pause for reflection.)

P Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through † Jesus Christ our Lord,

C Amen.

HYMN: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Coronation

Edward Perronet

(Please refer to page 17 of the bulletin.)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.
KYRIE

A  In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant:  

Let us pray to the Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Help, save and defend us, O God. Amen.
HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now The Feast and Celebration”

Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and celebration,

all of creation sings for joy

to the God of life and love and

freedom; praise and glory for evermore!

Verse 1

*Congregation*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,

whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God.

(to refrain)
HYMN OF PRAISE (continued)

Verse 2  
2. Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ for ever. (to refrain)

Verse 3  
3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. (to refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

P O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON
FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47 “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31 (read responsively)

1 O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
1b His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.
2 The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
3b All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.
6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.
7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.
8 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.
9b He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.
SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia!
GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

P The holy gospel according to St. John the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 9 “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12 This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.  C Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew L. Miller

A BRIEF MOMENT OF REFLECTION

HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"  Hyfrydol

Hyfrydol

Charles Wesley

(Please refer to page 18 of the bulletin.)

APOSTLES’ CREED

P God has made us his people through our baptism in Christ. Living together in trust and hope let us confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 OF INTERCESSION
(after each petition)……..Hear us, O God.
C Your mercy is great.

P In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

PEACE
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

“As The Grains of Wheat”

Congregation:

God of love,

you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.
It is our duty and delight . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

EUCARISTIC ACCLAMATION


The minister continues with the Eucharistic Prayer


Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and for ever.

Amen.
P  Make us bold, O Merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

THE LORD’S PRAYER  
(Sung)

Our Fa- ther____ Who art in Hea- ven____ Halo-owed
be Thy na - me____ Thy king-dom come____ Thy will be done____
on Earth as it is in Hea- ven____ give us th-is day our dai - ly
bread and for-gi- ve____ our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who
tress-pass a- gai-nst us____ And lead us not____ in-to temp-ta-tion_
but de-li-ver us from e- vil for the king-dom and the
pow-er and the glo-ry are yours now and for-ev-er A-men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P  The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.
C  Thanks be to God.
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We will be using the pre-packaged communion you have received upon arrival.

TABLE BLESSING

Ｐ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Ｃ Amen.
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.
BLESSING

♫ May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ♩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
♫ Amen.

HYMN: “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

♫ CWM Rhondda
♫ William Williams

( Please refer to page 19 of the bulletin.)

DISMISSAL

♫ Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
♫ Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

♫ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

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All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

1. All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
   Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

2. O seed of Israel’s chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
   Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

3. Hail, you heirs of David’s line, whom David Lord did call—
   The God incarnate, man divine—and crown him Lord of all.

4. Sinners, whose love can never forget the wormwood and the gall,
   Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5. Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe
   on this terrestrial ball
   to him all majesty ascribe
   and crown him Lord of all.

6. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
   we at his feet may fall!
   We’ll join the everlastin’ song
   and crown him Lord of all.
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown. Jesus, thou art all com-pas-sion, find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-nings;

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it into ev’ry troubled breast; let us all in thee in-herit; let us more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,

3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-

4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-

pure, un-bounded love thou art; vis-it us with Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee till in heav’n we take our place, till we cast our thy sal-va-tion, enter ev-’ry trem-bling heart. its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.

with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love. crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev er, great Re deem er, pil g in through this
2 O pen now the crys tal foun tain where the heal ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor dan, bid my anx i ous

bar ren land. I am weak, but you are might y; hold me
wa ters flow; let the fire and cloud y pil lar lead me
fears sub side; death of death and hell s de struc tion, land me

with your pow r ful hand. Bread of heav en, bread of heav en,
all my jour ney through. Strong de liv rer, strong de liv rer,
safe on Ca naan s side. Songs and prais es

feed me now and ev er more, ev er more, feed me now and ev er more.
shield me with your might y arm, might y arm, shield me with your might y arm.
I will raise for ev er more, ev er more, I will raise for ev er more.
**LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

**CHURCH FAMILY:**
- David Apple
- Amy Hollar Cormier
- Jean Conrad Darstein
- Mary Huneycutt
- Katie Lemly
- Frank Mills
- Ronnie Moretz
- Willie Ruth Pless
- Gracie Shepherd
- Jody Shepherd
- Ron Sink
- Sylvia Sink
- Dan Smith
- April Thompson
- Terry Triplett
- Deborah Wertzman
- Jarrett Whitley
- Jan Willette

**LOVED ONES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS:**
- Tonya Adams (Friend of David Smith)
- Susan Avery and Family (Friends of Christi Nebrich)
- Nick Babcock (Friend of the Kitzmans)
- Charles Baker (William Baker’s father)
- Jim Bailey (Carrol Leonard’s brother)
- Nancy Beck (Judith Conrad’s sister)
- Mary Brink (Niece of Pauletta Conrad)
- Gene Bullock (Tracy Miller’s uncle)
- Anne Burkhart (Friend of Pam Mahry)
- Tessa Burns (Bob Redwines’ niece)
- Mike Byrd (Friend of Bob Sink)
- Johnnie Canny (Emma Apple’s sister)
- Rita Caudle (Friend of Sabrina Conrad)
- Mackey Charles (Friend of Joe & Bleasha Carroll)
- Adam Cheely (Michelle Eppings son)
- Edward Clancy (Friend of Bing Sudarmona)
- Ken Clodfelter
- Jessica Crabb
- Don and Jackie Craft (Rebecca Moretz parents)
- Amy and Wes Cups
- Robert Dasch (Father of Keith Dasch)
- Marina Dunaway and family (Friends of Karen Rigg’s)
- Delores Farrell (Dalane Kitzman’s sister)
- Danny Fine (Lynn Smith’s brother)
- Debra Gainey (The Kitzman’s neighbor)
- Marlon Gaskins (Friend of Scott and Deb Wertman)
- Rick Gransee
- Ross Gray (Friend of Danny and Carol Leonard)
- The Greer Family (Friends of Karen Rigg’s)
- Kathy Hartwood (Beth Lemly’s sister-in-law)
- Norma Heath (Friend of Kelly Newsome)
- Paul Heath (Friend of Kelly Newsome)
- Ronald Hensley (Friend of Mary Huneycutt)
- Angelica Hernandez (Coworker of Bill Nebrich)
- Barbara Sue Herrington (Friend of FLC)
- James Hewett (Friends of Bill and Christi Nebrich)
- Gavin Hill (Friend of the Odums)
- Tina and Andrew Holcomb (Friends of Christi Nebrich)
- Reuben Hufham (Emma Apple’s brother-in-law)

**JEFF HUTCHERSON** (Husband of Karen Rigg’s coworker, Jill)
- Caleb Hutcherson (Son of Karen Rigg’s coworker, Jill)
- Ken Jacobs (Friend of Cindy Schoonmaker and FLC)
- Damon Jones (Brother of clothing closet volunteer, Teresa Smith)
- Betty Jordan (Friend of the Carlsons)
- Steve and Fern Kennedy (Friends of Pam Mabry)
- Karen Kernstine (Friend of Sabrina Conrad)
- John Kleine (Nancy Carlson’s brother-in-law)
- Terry Kohler (Wertman family member)
- Jack Kunz (Nancy Carlson’s father)
- Mary and Charles Lee (Friends of FLC)
- Nichole Leonard (Friend of Patti Grant)
- Aleigha Lockhart and Family (Neighbors of the Nebriches)
- Hazel Lovelace (Jim Lovelace’s mother)
- Maria (Abbi Thompson’s friend)
- Mandy Marshall (Debbie Triplett’s daughter)
- Miranda and Children (Friends of Sabrina Conrad)
- Zac Mazag (Friend of Mattias Miller)
- Deb Mcgraw (Friend of Patrick Harris)
- Joetta McQueen
- Sandy Mendenhall (Friend of Lynn Smith)
- Larry Michaels
- Bruce Moody (Friend of Bill and Christy Nebrich)
- Claire Murphy (Rebecca Moretz cousin)
- Libby Puckett (Friend of Connie Beck McMillan)
- Mark Remissong (Frank and Pat Mills’ son-in-law)
- Craig and Lisa Royal (Friends of FLC)
- Lynn Scoggins (Brother-in-law of Beth and Katie Lemly)
- Jordan Sharpe (Friend of the Nebrich and Morris families)
- Angie Shaw (Friend of April Thompson)
- Emil Schuh (Dalane Kitzman’s cousin)
- Aubrey Smith (Dan Smith’s dad)
- David Smith (Nephew of Bob Sink)
- Jimmy Steele (Friend of Mary Huneycutt)
- Jason Stone (Wendy Coley’s son)
- Marilee Strasser (Friend of Bill and Patrice Baker)
- Denny Swimley (Brother-in-law of Scott and Deborah Wertman)
- Jackie Taylor (Lorraine Carlson’s sister)
- Marie Thomason (Sarah Whitaker’s grandmother)
- Gary Tilton (Friend of Dan and Lynn Smith)
- Glenn Visbeen (Friend of John Leonard)
- Charlie Ward (Friend of Kim Odum)
- Barbara Weller (Friend of FLC)
- Mary Louise Wilkerson (Friend of FLC)
- Drew Williams (Friend of Kellie Fritts Michael)
- Devone Wohl (Dalane Kitzman’s sister)
- Nathan Wohl (Dalane Kitzman’s nephew)
- Kara Wood (Mary Nebrich’s teacher)

**THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED TO LIFE ETERNAL:**
- Daniel Holcomb (Former student of Christi Nebrich)
- Judy Dowell (Tracy Miller’s aunt)

**EXPECTANT PARENTS:**
- Judy Dowell
- Daniel Holcomb

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