

"In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters."

- Genesis 1:1-2



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Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:

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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Disciples and doubters,
faithful and feckless,
Many: we are God's,
who welcomes us all.

One: Followers and those who lag behind,
open-hearted and close-minded,
Many: we are the Lord's,
who is always patient with us.

One: Reconcilers and rabble-rousers,
foolish and fearless,
Many: we are the Spirit's,
who encourages us in every moment.

Hymn

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

1 Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, without one plea
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness: Compassionate God, we could have mercy, but we judge others by those standards we cannot even meet. We could welcome all around us as sisters and brothers, but hold them at contempt's length away from us. We could have patience with family and friends, but tap our feet and drum our fingers until they do what we want. In your forgiveness, Tender God, you gather up all our foolishness and hurl it beyond the edge of the universe, so the healing you intend for us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, will take place.

Let us confess our individual sins in silence. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Scripture

Isaiah 45:18-24: For thus says the Lord,
who created the heavens
 (he is God!),
who formed the earth and made it
 (he established it;
he did not create it a chaos,
 he formed it to be inhabited!);
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I did not speak in secret,
 in a land of darkness;
I did not say to the offspring of Jacob,
 'Seek me in chaos.'
I the Lord speak the truth,
 I declare what is right.

Assemble yourselves and come together,
 draw near, you survivors of the nations!
They have no knowledge—
 those who carry about their wooden idols,
and keep on praying to a god
 that cannot save.
Declare and present your case;
 let them take counsel together!
Who told this long ago?
 Who declared it of old?
Was it not I, the Lord?
 There is no other god besides me,

a righteous God and a Saviour;
there is no one besides me.

Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.
By myself I have sworn,
from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness
a word that shall not return:
'To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear.'

Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me,
are righteousness and strength;
all who were incensed against him
shall come to him and be ashamed.
In the Lord all the offspring of Israel
shall triumph and glory.

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,
'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'
So then, each of us will be accountable to God

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Hymn

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

1 1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.

Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. eternal.

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Response of Praise

"Doxology"

Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

May these simple gifts offer a welcome to the friendless, a meal for the hungry, shelter for those in disasters, and hope for all who are despised in our times. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, anytime!

2 I'm gonna sing so....

3 I'm gonna live so...

Anywhere, anytime! (2x)

Charge and Benediction

Liturgy from Thom M. Shuman: lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com