

# 1 August 9:00am Traditional Worship

Face-to-face or on zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/95468493260>, password 3199.

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*For those who are on zoom or on phones:*

*Please have with you a small portion of bread and a small drink of grape juice, wine or equivalent if you would like to share in Holy Communion.*

## Welcome

### Acknowledgment of Country

### Call to worship

Called to lead a life that is worthy,

**we gather as God's people.**

Called to model lives of service,

**we share in the building up of Christ's Body.**

Our backgrounds are different, our habits vary,

**but we share a common faith in Christ.**

Though each of us is unique and precious to God,

**our hearts beat as one with hope.**

We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us,

**to be fed by the Bread of life.**

**We sing:** Gather us in (TiS 474)

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness, vanished away.  
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name

2. We are the young our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt of the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven light years away,  
but here in this space, the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in, and hold us forever,  
gather us in, and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**Prayers of Adoration and Confession**  
**Declaration of God's grace**

**Responsive Psalm: From Psalm 104**

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

**O LORD my God, you are very great.**

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to use,

to bring forth food from the earth,  
and wine to gladden the human heart,

**oil to make the face shine,**

**and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD rejoice in his works—

who looks on the earth and it trembles,

who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

May my meditation be pleasing to God,

**for I rejoice in the LORD.**

**Bible reading:** Ephesians 3: 14-21

**Anthem:** The love of Christ

**Bible reading:** John 6: 24-35

**Sermon**

**We sing:** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer (TiS 569)

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the living waters flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:

strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

**We sing:** Jesus the Lord said “I am the bread” (TiS 239 vv. 1,3,5)

1. Jesus the Lord said ‘I am the bread,  
the bread of life for the world am I,  
the bread of life for the world am I,  
the bread of life for the world am I.’  
Jesus the Lord said, ‘I am the bread,  
the bread of life for the world am I.’

3. Jesus the Lord said ‘I am the light,  
the one true light of the world am I,  
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Jesus the Lord said, ‘I am the light,  
the one true light of the world am I.’

5. Jesus the Lord said ‘I am the life,  
the resurrection and the life am I,  
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the resurrection and the life am I.’

**Notices and sharing**  
**Farewell to Murray and Kay**  
**Prayers of the People**

**Invitation to Holy Communion**

**We sing:** Feed us now, bread of life (TiS 538)

1. Feed us now, Bread of life,  
in this holy meal;  
let us know your love anew:  
we hunger for you.  
Feed us now, Bread of life,  
come and live within;  
let your peace be ours today,  
Lord Jesus, we pray.

2. Piece of bread, cup of wine:  
Lord, this food is good:  
love and mercy come to us  
your promise we trust.

Piece of bread, cup of wine:  
who can understand  
how his mercy works in these?  
Yet, Lord, we believe.

3. God is here, O so near,  
nearer than our thoughts.  
Stay with us where’er we go;  
Lord, help us to grow.  
God is here, O so near,  
in this heaven’s meal.  
May we always feed on you –  
on the bread that is true.

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... we lift up our voices together with all creation  
and sing our praises

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

## **The 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.

## **Receiving Communion**

**Prayer (together)**

**We dedicate ourselves to love,  
to recognizing and realizing  
the connections that bind us to each other,  
that make us one with one another  
like branches on a tree or  
like fruit on a vine.  
We dedicate ourselves to the source of love,  
to knowing that if we love one another, God lives in us  
and love is perfected in us.  
We commit ourselves to trust in the healing power  
of God, waiting to bring wholeness to our brokenness.  
Perfect love casts out fear;  
may it be so in us.  
Amen.**

**We sing:** This, this is the God we adore (TiS 220)

1. This, this is the God we adore;  
our faithful, unchangeable friend;  
whose love is as great as his power,  
and neither knows measure nor end.

2. 'Tis Jesus the first and the last  
whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;  
we'll praise him for all that is past,  
and trust him for all that's to come.

## **Blessing**

**We sing:** Now unto him who is able to keep

1. Now unto Him who is able to keep,  
Able to keep you from falling  
and present you faultless  
Before the presence of his Glory  
With exceeding joy,  
To the only wise God our saviour  
Be glory and majesty  
Dominion and power,  
both now and forever.  
Amen.