Gathering Around the Word

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

*HYMN 338  “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God is indeed our refuge and strength. Let us come to God in prayer.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Lord God, our world is in an uproar. Everything has changed. Everything
seems out of control, or at least out of our control. The everyday things
we once took for granted are now under scrutiny. Our very behavior is
being called out. We are bewildered. We don’t know what to do.
We don’t know what we are supposed to do. We wonder if we are doing
the right thing, even when we think we are. We could be wrong. What we
do or don’t do could hurt someone else. Or us. Lord God, forgive us when
we get things all wrong. When we don’t understand things that we should
understand. Help us to forgive ourselves and others. Help us to find a way
forward.

Silent Prayer
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Be still, and know that God is God. And we are not. And that is how it’s supposed to be. Know that we all are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you! Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
Genesi 8:20-22; 9:8-17
Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

SERMON SCRIPTURE
Romans 3:9-24
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Good News of Grace” Rev. Kathleen Crighton

*HYMN 507 “Come to the Table of Grace”

Sharing the Word with the World

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

COMMUNION LITURGY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: ...And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
(All sing:)
  Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.
  Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.
  Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son,
  Holy is the Spirit, Blessed Three in One.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty,
       and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord...
       ...Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died,
       Christ is risen,
       Christ will come again.

Leader: Let us say what we believe, using the words of the
       Apostles’ Creed.

The Apostles’ Creed (p. 35 in Glory to God hymnal)
The Lord’s Prayer

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

  Lord, we bless and praise you for nourishing us with this meal we have
  shared together. Fill us with your Spirit. May we be living signs of your
  love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 337  “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”
*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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