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Bridge: And the morning You rose all of heaven held its breath. "Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe! For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored. And the Church of Christ was born, and the Spirit lit the flame. Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By his blood and in his name, in his freedom, I am free! For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me! **Refrain 2x's; then Tag:** Praise forever to the King of kings! Praise forever to the King of kings!

***Doxology** (#606) **Traditional**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** (#269) **Lead On, O King Eternal**

Going Out to Serve

***Blessing & Benediction**

***Benediction Response** **Go Now in Peace**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith; steadfast, strong and true; know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Rev. Tom Busch - Guest Pulpit Supply

Eric Light - Liturgist

Rachelle Cekander - Music Director

Debbie Nolan - Office Administrator

Dan Kingery - Youth Director

September 10, 2023

15th Sunday after Pentecost - Celebrating Holy Communion

***Indicates Standing**

Gathering Together

Words of Welcome & Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** (#4 Verses 1, 2 & 4) **Holy God We Praise Your Name**

***Call to Worship**

One: Amid all you are facing, your burdens and responsibilities, hear the invitation,

Many: **"Come to the Table!"**

One: Amid your longing, your ambition and distractions, hear the invitation,

Many: **"Come to the Table!"**

One: Listen, Grace is calling!

Many: **We listen and hear the Word of God. Let us Worship God!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Unison: We confess that we have sinned, failing to be present for You as You have been for us. And yet, You, the Creator of heaven and earth, did not hold back your own Son to liberate us from our sins and reconcile us to yourself. Like the loving God that You are, always embracing and welcoming us back into your presence, You forgive our sin and disobedience, call us your children and promise to make your home with us forever!

Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#582) Glory to God

1 Glory to God whose goodness shines on me;
and to the Son whose grace has pardoned me;
and to the Spirit whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen!

2 World without end, without end, Amen.
World without end, without end, Amen.
World without end, without end, Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen!

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you. **Many: And, also, with you.**

Hearing The Word

Scripture

Gospel Lesson: John 12:31-36 NRSV
Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11 NRSV

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“A New Commandment” (John 12:34a)

Holy Communion - Gathering at the Table

The Invitation & The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Unison: 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.

Words of Institution

Feasting Together

Praise Team/Congregation

(#510) We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Prayer After Communion

Responding to the Word

The Offering Call & Offering

Praise Team

King of Kings

1 In the darkness we were waiting, without hope. 'Til from heaven, You came running, there was mercy in your eyes to fulfill the law and prophets. To a Virgin came the “Word;” from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Refrain: Praise the Father! Praise the Son! Praise the Spirit, Three in One! God of Glory, majesty! Praise forever to the King of kings!

2 To reveal the Kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost; to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the Cross. For even in your suff'ring You saw to the other side knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died. **Refrain**