Sunday, June 2, 2024, We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome
Family Life and Work
Family Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle:
Acknowledgment of the Land:

Introit: Where Two or Three Are Gathered MV 14

Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there, I am there.

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Call to Worship: responsive
Sing to God who is our strength! Shout for joy to God the Creator!
Raise a song of celebration and praise!
Worship God who alone is worthy of praise!
Let God's Spirit lead us in joy!

Opening Hymn: This Is the Day That God Has Made VU 175

This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

- 1 Christ has conquered death at last, left the tomb that held him fast!
 Gone the sorrow, gone the night, dawns the morning clear and bright! R
 - 2 Jesus lives who once was dead, lives forever, as he said! Risen now our Saviour, King; songs of gladness let us sing! R

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

O God, your hand is upon us to guide and protect. May we your people, gathered in trust today, be faithful in serving you every day. Secure in your love and power, help us to entrust ourselves completely to you and to the service of those whom we meet. This we ask in Jesus' saving name, and in His words we say together,

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 trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10

Children's Time: "Tripod"

Second Reading: Mark 2: 23-3:6

Gradual Hymn: Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU 299

1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see; let your world of beauty capture me.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived, life be celebrated, joy you give.

- 2 Let me, God, be open, let me loving be; let your world of people speak to me. R
- 3 Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake, in your world of loving my place take. R
- 4 Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak, see you in my neighbour when we meet. R

Meditation: "Picking and Grinning"

We Respond

Musical Offering: Walk In the Light

VU 678

- 1 Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.
- 2 Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: For the Healing of the Nations

- 1 For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.

 To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2 Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release; that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.
 - 4 You, Creator-God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind; that, by our response and service, earth its destiny may find.

Benedictions and Commissioning

Go in the strength and grace of God and fulfill His call upon your life.

God's grace fills us to overflowing that we might be a blessing to all whom we meet. Hallelujah! Amen!

Choral Benediction: Walk With the Lord

Walk with the Lord Go from this place, Filled with His ever lasting grace.

Walk with the Lord Go where He leads Blessed by His love and His peace.

Each day you live,
In all you do,
let the light of Christ be found in you

Walk with the Lord
Trust and obey
Go now and serve Him in faith
Amen.