

Sunday September 15, 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: Way-Maker

(originally by Sinach)

**CHORUS:**

**You are here, moving in our midst  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, working in this place  
I worship You, I worship You. (REPEAT)**

**VERSE:**

**You are...**

**Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper  
Light in the darkness, my God  
That is who You are. (REPEAT)**

**CHORUS:**

**You are here, touching every heart  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, healing every heart  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, turning lives around  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, mending every heart  
I worship You, I worship You.**

Call to Worship:

We gather in faith and in the promise that God is with us.

**We gather in the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

We gather in the light and power of the Holy Spirit.

**We are here to worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and empowers us to be His people.**

Opening Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

VU 271 vs 1,2,4,5

**1 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.**

**2** There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such gracious judgement given.

**4** Troubled souls, why will you scatter  
like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will you wander  
from a love so true and deep?

**5** For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

Prayer of Approach:

**God, Creator of all that is seen and unseen, you are with us always. You reveal your power through things that seem weak: prophetic voices that are ignored; an infant born in a manger; the Prince of peace nailed to a cross; a church filled with people who struggle to live out their witness. Let your holy presence be with us as we worship. Drive from us whatever would drive us away from living out our faith in you. Help us to rely on your all-sufficient grace. We ask this in the name of the One who calls us together and who calls us His own, Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour. Hear us now as, 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: Amos 7: 7 – 15 (The Sign of the Plumbline)

Children's Time:

Gospel Reading: Mark 6: 14 - 29 (The Beheading of John the Baptist)

We Listen

Minute for Mission:

Gradual Hymn: Sing a New Song

**Sing a new song unto the Lord  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.**

**Yahweh's people dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for him on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound.**

**Sing a new song unto the Lord  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.**

**Rise, O children, from your sleep  
your Savior now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song.**

**Sing a new song unto the Lord  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.**

**Glad my soul for I have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised.  
I know my Savior lives.**

**Sing a new song unto the Lord  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.**

Meditation: A Half Bubble Off Level

We Respond

Musical Offering: When The Saints

Offertory: Give Thanks

**Give thanks, with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks, to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.  
And now let the weak say, I am strong.  
Let the poor say, I am rich because of what  
The Lord has done for us.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

VU 481

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us  
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.**
  
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.**

Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: This Day God Gives Me

VU 410 vs 2&4

- 2 This day God sends me strength to sustain me,  
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,  
your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.**
  
- 4 Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,  
King of creation, giver of rest,  
firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,  
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.**