

Sunday September 8, 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: (based on Psalm 48)

One: God is great and is worthy of all our praise.

ALL: **AS WE PONDER GOD WE ARE FILLED WITH AWE AND WONDER!**

One: Let every generation know that God is eternal. God is with us always!

ALL: **GOD IS WITH US IN EVERY MOMENT, AND WILL BE OUR GUIDE FOREVER!**

Opening Hymn: Come In, Come In and Sit Down

VU 395

***Refrain***

***Come in, come in and sit down,  
You are part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
And we are a part of the family.***

**Verse 1**

**You know the reason why you came,  
Yet no reason can explain;  
So share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
For we are a part of the family.  
God is with us in this place,  
Like a mother's warm embrace,  
We're all forgiven by God's grace,  
For we are part of the family.**

***Refrain***

**Verse 2**

**Children and elders, middlers and teens,  
Singles and doubles and in-betweens,  
Strong eighty fivers and street wise sixteen,  
For we are part of the family.  
Greeters and shoppers, long-time and new,  
Nobody here has a claim on a pew,  
And whether we're many or whether we're few,  
We are part of the family.**

***Refrain***

**Verse 3**

**There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine.  
We are the branches, Christ is the vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,  
But we are part of the family.  
There's rest for the weary and health for us all.  
There's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.  
So come in and worship and answer the call,  
For we are part of the family**

***Refrain***

Prayer of Approach:

**Holy Lord, Maker of us all, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves and teach us that faith without action is of little use. Let your Holy Spirit pour out upon us in this time of worship. May your Spirit strengthen us and help us to glorify you in our speech and our works. We ask this in the name of the One who calls us together, 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: Ezekiel 2: 1 – 5 (The Call of Ezekiel)

Children's Time:

Gospel Reading: Mark 6: 1 – 13 (The Disciples Are Sent Out to Preach and Heal)

We Listen

Gradual Hymn: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

VU 560

- 1 O Master, let me walk with thee.  
in lowly paths of service free;  
teach me thy secret, help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
with some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.**
- 3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee,  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sure and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,**
- 4 in hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.**

Meditation:

We Respond

Musical Offering: Life is A Ballgame

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: Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

VU 421

- 1     Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.  
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.  
Our slavery left behind us,  
new hopes within us grow.  
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.**
- 2     Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,  
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.  
We are not lost, though wandering,  
for by your light we come,  
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.**
- 3     Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,  
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.  
We pray our sons and daughters  
may journey to that land  
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.**

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.**