

# Communion Service for July 7, 2019

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” -arr. A. Whitworth

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #112 “Holy Ground”

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting, God’s glory shines forth.

**All: In the colors of the morning sky, in the tenderness of a loved one’s voice, in the power of a life transformed, God is revealed.**

One: God calls us to open our hearts to the mysteries of Christ.

**All: We search for signs of God’s presence around us. God will not disappoint us, because everywhere we walk, we tread on holy ground.**

• GATHERING HYMN #330 “Alleluia! Hear God’s Story”

• CALL TO CONFESSION

• PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

**God: we confess that we not only break your law; we disdain it. Too often we embrace the world’s lie—that our choices carry no consequence. We act as if your grace sets aside your call to right living. In our rush to be free, we are indulgent; in our obsession with ourselves, we slight our neighbors. In our anxiety to keep up with our peers, we fail to keep pace with you. We are weary of this life. Help us to honor your high calling, as shown in your Word. Holy One: forgive us, for we are troubled, and seek to be whole again.**

• SILENT CONFESSION

• ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**Is now, and ever shall be**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST “Amani” - Swahili

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #30 “Sing Amen” (*Sung by all*)

**Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

**Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

**Amen, Bawo, amen, Bawo,**

**Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

*(Repeat as needed)*

## CHILDREN’S TIME

INTERLUDE “Walk With Me” (*Sung by all*)

*(Children may return to their seats.)*

**Walk with me; I will walk with you**

**and build the land that God has planned**

**where love shines through.**

*(Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.)*

## SCRIPTURE

First Reading:	<b>Luke 10:1-11, 16-20</b>	<i>(page 71)</i>
	2 Kings 5:1-14	<i>(page 336)</i>
Second Reading:	<b>Psalm 30</b>	<i>(page 505)</i>
	Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16	<i>(page 191)</i>

SERMON “Dancing Mourners” Rev. Dale Stohre

SUMMER CHOIR ANTHEM “The Servant Song” -R. Gillard

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (*In 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.**

## OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “The Summons” -arr. J. Bankson

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

**Lord, may your joy in us, which gives us strength, also make us joyful in our giving. From possessiveness over what we hold, from unfounded worry when you promise to provide, set us free. May our giving be our declaration of independence from all fear, and may these gifts spread our joy to others. In the name of Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

THE LORD’S SUPPER

*(We will share communion by intinction. You will be directed forward, take a piece of bread and dip it in the wine (red) or grape juice (white) or take a small cup of juice. We offer gluten Free Wafers for those who prefer. We invite everyone to participate in communion; you do not need to be a member of this church nor this denomination. Children are welcome with parents’ permission.)*

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Hymn of Thanksgiving #414: (*Sung by all*)

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;**

**Come to me and never be hungry.**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;**

**Trust in me and you will not thirst.**

Sharing the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

**Mighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior’s presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by your grace that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus we pray. Amen.**

• SENDING HYMN #722 “This Is My Song”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” -arr. J. Innes

**Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly.*

*Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.*

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