

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

We trust in God, whom we have seen in the glory of creation and in the face of Jesus Christ. The Spirit gives us life, calling the church to worship, to hear the Word, to celebrate the sacraments, and to join God's mission for justice and peace. In life and in death we belong to God – who is found not only in the highest heaven, but also in the crowded streets, the hungry homes, and the hearts of those who long for hope. And so we live to glorify God and to serve the world in love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" HERE I AM

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God" SIYAHAMBA
**We are marching in the light of God; We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, Oh! We are marching in the light of God.
(repeat)**

*POSTLUDE

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ADULT CHOIR Winnie Mburu, soprano

PRAISE BAND: Donny Whitehead, sax, Jason Roberts, bass, Donnie Lindsey, drums

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Pam Knox



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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

18th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

The glory of the Lord fills the heavens—
the hem of God's robe brushes the edges of creation.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!
The whole earth is full of God's glory!**

Here, in this place, the Spirit gathers us—
to open our eyes to wonder, our hearts to mercy, our lives to mission.

**We come to worship the living God—
who meets us in mystery, forms us in grace, and sends us in love.**

Let us lift our hearts to the One who is high and near,
majestic and merciful—

**Glory to God in the Highest!
Let us worship God!**

*HYMN
(see insert)

"Heart of Worship"

Matt Redman

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Holy and gracious God, you have called us into your presence, but we confess that we often come distracted and divided. We treat worship as escape instead of encounter, as comfort instead of calling. We forget that to praise you in the sanctuary is also to serve you in the street. We confess the times we have sung of your glory while turning from our neighbor's pain, the times we have prayed for peace without seeking the courage to make it. Forgive us, O Lord. Touch our lips with the fire of your mercy; purify our hearts and re-form our lives. Send us out renewed by your grace – that our worship may become the rhythm of our living, and our living the echo of your praise. Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and our song.
(Silent prayers of confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

Hear the good news: The Holy One whose glory fills the heavens has drawn near to cleanse and renew.

In Jesus Christ, the fire of God's love burns away fear and shame. We are made whole and sent to shine with the light of grace.

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 582 "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me" VASILE

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.**

LISEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 622) Isaiah 6: 1-8

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 991) John 20: 19-23

PROCLAMATION

Glory to God in the High st

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 320

"The Church of Christ In Every Age"

WAREHAM