

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

What do you bring to the Lord's Table?

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER including concerns and celebrations

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Server: The body of Christ was broken for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

Server: The blood of Christ was shed for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 757

"Today We Are Called to be Disciples"

KINGSFOLD

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" SICILIAN MARINERS

(verse 1) **Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;**

fill our hearts with joy and peace;

let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us,

traveling through this wilderness.

*POSTLUDE

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

10:00am Worship

Holy Communion
8th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Come, beloved of God, to this table not of our making—

We come, drawn by the love of Christ, who calls us friends.

Come with your questions and your hopes, your weariness and your wonder—

We come to be nourished by grace and sent out in love.

Come, not because you must, but because you may—

We come because Christ invites us, chooses us, and feeds us still.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 409

“God is Here”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Loving God, you have invited us to the table of grace, but we confess that we do not always live its blessing. We hoard comfort while others hunger, we cling to judgment when you call us to mercy. We forget that to follow Jesus is to love as he loved – with towel and basin, with bread broken and life poured out. Forgive us, O Christ. Shape us by this table into a people of service and sacrifice, that we may live the communion we share. In your holy name we pray. *(Silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

Jesus said, “You did not choose me, but I chose you.”

This is not a love we earn – it is a grace freely given.

At the table of the Lord, we are forgiven.

At the table, we are made new.

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*PRAISE HYMN 591

“Halle, Halle Hallelujah!”

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26: 26-30

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 15: 12-16

PROCLAMATION *My Thoughts When I Serve Communion*

Dr. Bruce Lancaster

*HYMN 203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

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