February 5, 2023: 9:00 am Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather Together

Prelude "Open the Eyes of My Heart w/Amazing Grace" arr. by Carol Tornquist

(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.)

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

Henry Hayes

Who among us can comprehend the mind of God? Only God's own Spirit knows every thought. Yet in Christ Jesus, the mind of God, like a pure light, has illumined our dark world.

Light rises in the darkness for those who are true; The Lord is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the mind of man conceived, God has prepared for those who follow God's way. Illuminated by the pure light of Jesus' love, let us walk in God's paths.

*Prayer

Holy God, dearest Friend, you are the light of our seeing, the wisdom of our understanding, the delight of our loving.

Assist your people,

to trust you that we may begin to understand you, to understand you that we may better love you, and to love you that we may more eagerly worship and serve you,

Through Jesus Christ, your very Mind incarnate; Amen!

*Hymn GTG 314 "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

Cantor, Laurie Christie

*Call to Confession

God, through the prophet Isaiah, has required believers to practice what they preach. It is written:

This is the religion I choose:

To cut the bonds of wickedness, to untie the ropes of the yoke, to set the oppressed free, to break every yoke, to share your bread with the hungry, and your house with the homeless.

My friends, if this is right religion, then we need constant repentance and renewal.

*Confession

Let us pray together:

God of truth, do not spare us your painful light, lest we perish in the darkness.

God of hope, do not spare us your rebuke, lest we perish in our complacency.

God of mercy, do not spare us your forgiveness, lest we perish in our despair.

God of abounding grace, do not spare us your healing, lest we perish in our ineptitude.

God of the saints and prophets, grant to each of us a genuine repentance, hearts open to your radical forgiveness, and faith restored to full strength.

Through Christ Jesus our Savior, Amen!

Silent Confession (In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

*Assurance of Pardon

Fellow students in the school of Jesus, know this for certain: Christ is not only our tutor but our loving redeemer. Those who come to him in sincerity and truth shall never be cast away.

In his name I declare to you: Our sins are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen.

*Sharing God's Peace

The Peace of Christ be with! And also, with you!

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)

*Hymn GTG 552 "Holy, Holy, Holy" vs 1

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 58:1-11

New Testament Lesson Matthew 5:13-20

Children's Time

Sermon "You Matter!"

Pastor Ken Locke

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn GTG 507 "Come to the Table of Grace" (Remain seated)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

May the God of the Table be with you.

And also with you.

This is the fast God chooses for us as we come to the Feast,

that we empty our hearts in service, so they may be filled again.

This is the way God offers to us,

we sing our praises as we journey to the realm of hope and love.

When you came proclaiming creation,

God of wonder,

you brought forth what no eye had seen:

snowflakes drifting in a meadow,

hawks floating lazily in the sky.

You whispered what no ear had heard:

whale songs in the deeps,

a coyote caroling the moon.

You established what no heart believed:

justice for the most vulnerable, healing for the broken.

Day by day, you called us to your side,

but when evening fell, we slipped

into sin's enticing shadows,

dashing your dreams for us.

You sent the prophets to us,

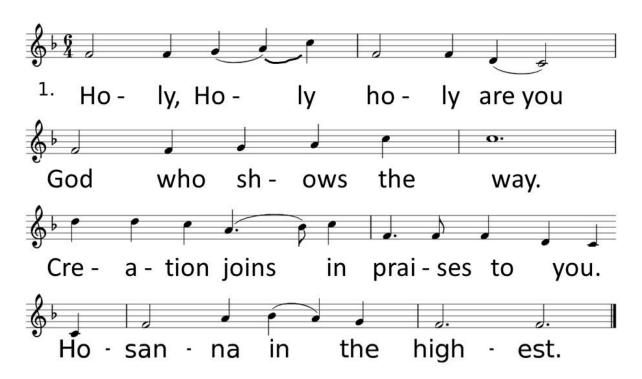
relying on the Spirit to give them the right words, but we did not notice as we practiced hubris.

So you asked Jesus to come, dashing the hopes of the wicked.

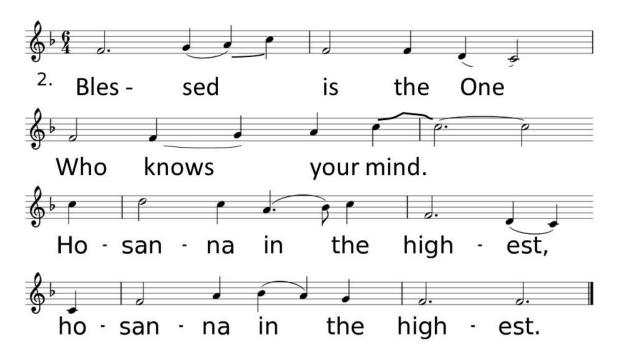
So with those who do not fear the good news which he brought, we lift our voices in glad shouts of joy:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Glory to God #552



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Jesus came to us, proclaiming your salvation, God of Holiness, your Child of salt and light. For those in the shadows of mourning,

he brought light.

For those whose lives have crumbled around them,

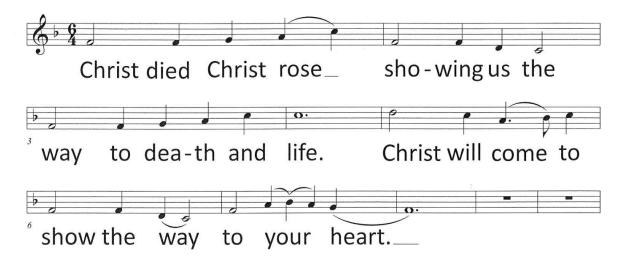
he rebuilds hopes.

For those who are separated by the chasms of fears,

he stretches a bridge so they can meet each other in harmony.

For all who face death's uncertainty,

he went into that unknown, coming forth to reassure us that its power had been broken. As we seek to see him in our midst, as we try to hear your Word of life, we trust in that faith which is mysterious:



Here at the Table of grace, the Holy Spirit proclaims life, transforming these simple gifts and the people gathered in this place. As we taste the hope in the broken bread, we would go to

break the bonds of injustice, and free the oppressed.

As we are filled with the cup, we would be light to the world, opening our pantry to the hungry, wrapping a naked child in our love.

And when God's time is fulfilled and we are gathered together with our sisters and brothers in the kingdom of heaven, we will not keep anything bottled up, but will shout our praises to you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Minute for Mission Souper Bowl of Caring

Offering "Abide with Us, Our Savior"

arr. Raymond H. Haan

*Offertory PH 558, "Come, Sing a Song of Harvest" vs 1&3

*Offertory Prayer

May the gifts we offer, Loving God, be used to fix breakfast for hungry children, to shower others with grace, and to patch the potholes poverty has created in the roadways of your Kingdom. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn GTG 766 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

Charge and Benediction

Let all God's people say, Alleluia, Amen!

*Closing Refrain PH 535 "Go with Us, Lord" (1st time together, 2nd time in round, please follow the cantors)

Postlude "Tallis Canon"

arr. John A. Behnke

This Week at Church

Sunday 02.05 9:00-10:00am Worship

Communion

Pastor Ken will lead us in worship.

Sanctuary & Zoom

10:15 Fellowship Time

10:15-11:15am Growing Connections – Heart Health

6:00-7:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 702

Monday 02.06

10:00-11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00-2:00pm Deacons

Wednesday 02.08

8:00-9:00am Men's Breakfast 4:30-5:30pm Hand Bell Practice 5:30-7:30pm Women in Faith

Thursday 02.09

1:00-2:00pm Growing Connections Planning

Saturday 02.11

9:00-12:00pm Table Tennis

Sunday 02.12 9:00-10:00am Worship

Pastor Ken will lead us in worship.

Souper Bowl of Caring Sanctuary & Zoom

10:00-10:30am PYA

10:15am Fellowship Time

10:15-11:30am Growing Connections – Pastor Ken shares his

experiences about his trip to Israel.

11:30-12:30pm Heart to Heart Luncheon 4:00-5:00pm Learning Team Meeting

6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Troop 702 Meeting

Looking Ahead

Tubing at Sunburst February 19 1:15pm

Everyone is welcome to join PYA and Scout Troop 702.

Ash Wednesday Worship February 22 6:30pm

Feed My Starving Children April 1
Train Show April 15-16

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PRAYERS

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Arnold L. Jolene S. – Sister and her husband

Pauline W. Lynn K. *

Iesse F. Rev. Tubuwa has asked for prayers

Kay M.** for peace in Sudan.

John B.*** Carol W.****

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Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

Weekly Statistics DATE **ATTENDANCE** WEEKLY INCOME NOTES January 29,2023 \$2,022.00 OFFERINGS/TITHES 73 January 29,2023 \$0.00 RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN 01/23--27/2023 \$451.00 **VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS** 01/23--27/2023 \$0.00 **VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS** \$2,473.00 TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK \$48,451.97 TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND 1/29/2023 9 Households ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 01/29/2023

^{*}Lynn is battling 2 different cancers. She is an RN & grandmother of 3 and would appreciate all prayers. Lynn is a friend of Laurie Christie.

^{**}Kay moved to Harbor Haven on Wednesday. She appreciates our continued prayers and would love to receive cards. She is not ready to have visitors.

^{***}John is home after a brief hospital stay. He is recovering from COVID.

^{****} Carol would appreciate prayers as she continues her journey for breast cancer treatment.