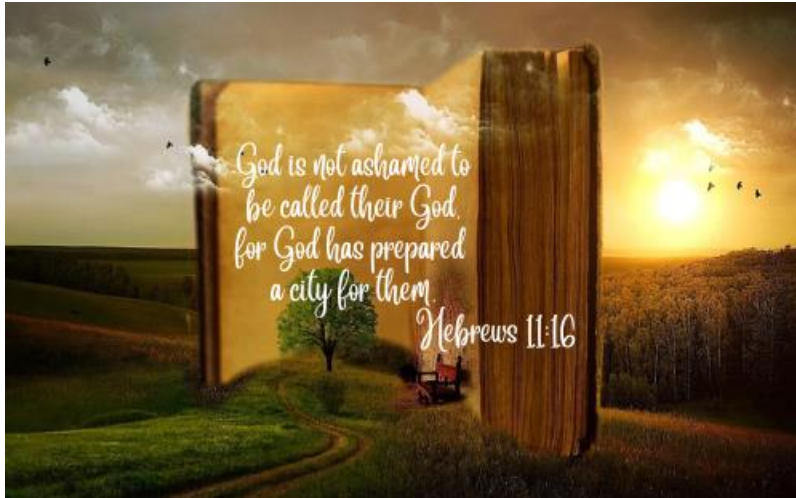


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Welcome and Announcements

Preparation Prayer

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.
Here may the faithful find salvation.
Here may the careless be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith.
Here may the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find help.
Here may the sorrowful find comfort.
Here may the weary find rest.
Here may the strong be renewed.
Here may the aged find consolation
Here may the young be inspired.
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Having prepared our hearts and minds for worship, let us now enter into a time of confession.

Silence for reflection

Holy One forgive us for our lack of faith.

We imagine that you do not need our gifts, and Jesus tells stories of children who are generous. We wonder how to find purpose in our lives and the Bible tells us that unless we give sincerely, something dies in us. We worry that we will not have enough and yet Jesus tells stories about true abundance. We stress and you invite us to live by faith. We wonder if there is enough and you remind us that you are the Creator of all. We wish we had more and you tell us that you can use our gifts to do things we could never imagine possible. Increase our faith, this day. Open our eyes to new possibilities. Amen

God has called you to this place at this hour for a reason. Hear now that you are forgiven and freed in the name of God, the steward of creation, Jesus the steward of salvation and the Holy Spirit steward of our days. Amen

Call to Worship

You who are feeling blessed or worried, faithful or full of doubt.

Welcome to this house of worship.

You who need to know God's peace or be challenged by God's call to serve.

Welcome to this house of worship.

You who seek comfort for the places in your lives where you feel anxious.

Welcome to this house of worship.

You who need challenge for the parts of your lives where you have grown complacent.

Welcome to this house of worship.

With expectant and readied hearts, poised to be shaped by God together, with the saints in the light,

let us now worship together.

Opening Hymn

All Are Welcome ELW 641

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Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions (refrain)

(refrain) All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign a new. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus; (refrain)

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us; (refrain)

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger; (refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter; (refrain)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, God of grace, **bless our church this day. Bless our dreams for the children who are learning about faith each day. Bless our aspirations that we might reach beyond our doors to help our neighbors in need wherever we find them. Bless our need to be partners with you in building the kingdom here. Bless our stewarding of stories, places, dollars and time. Amen.**

Children's Message

We Lift Our Voices Choir

My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

Welcome the Word

You satisfy the hungry heart whenever we draw near. Come give to us, O Saving Lord, the word we need to hear.

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:8-16

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^[b] considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. ¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for God has prepared a city for them.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Here in this Place (Gather Us In) WOV 718

Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining. Not in some heaven light years away
Here in this place the new light is shining. Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever. Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together. Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Steward of grace, **your mercy is great**

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives they are yours; we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, **we know that all we have is received from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Amen**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Generous God, **in this bread and cup we have tasted your salvation. May it strengthen us to be stewards of your love for the sake of the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Blessing

Sending Hymn

You Are Holy ELW 525

You are holy, you are whole. You are always evermore than we ever understand. You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you Lord. Sing hosanna, in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

Dismissal Worship has ended. Now the service begins. **Thanks be to God!**