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Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

As we come here to worship the God of all love let us turn our hearts back to God, confessing our sins in this gathered community

Silence for reflection

God of all love, we confess that too often we forget that all whom you have created are known and adored by you. We have sought to divide rather than unite, judge rather than understand, hurt rather than help. Forgive our lack of compassion and concern. Teach us again to live a life that shares your abundant love with all so that the world might be reconciled to you and transformed by your love.

God hears you beloved. Out of God's abundant love for you your sins are forgiven in the + name of God the creator, Jesus our Savior and the Holy Spirit our guide and our advocate. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All who are baptized in these waters are known and named beloved by the God who created us. We are sought out by the love of God that desires relationship with us. **We encounter Jesus through lives lived faithfully and baptismal promises shared.** Jesus too was baptized and found well-pleasing by God. **May these holy waters daily transform our hearts and minds to remember that God is love; a love that is for us, for the world and for all of creation.** Amen.

Opening Hymn

How Good Lord to be Here LBW 89

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
How good, Lord, to be here, Your beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.
Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be!
We hail your body glorified and our redemption see.
Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home.
How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of life, you made love known to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus sought the searching, lived a ministry of hope and healing, shared God's peace and transformed the world into a place where love is always possible. Ready our hearts now to be reminded of what love is as we worship you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song [Transfiguration Lyric Video - Hillsong Worship](#)

Welcome the Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:28-43

Once when Jesus[a] was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, 'Who do the crowds say that I am?' They answered, 'John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered, 'The Messiah of God.'

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, 'The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.'

Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.'

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

I Love to Tell the Story LBW 390

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory,
Of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's
true.

It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

(refrain)

I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory and tell the old, old story, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, how pleasant to repeat what seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (refrain)

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. (refrain)

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, Receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Offering Prayer

Generous, life-giving God, we return to you that which you have entrusted to our care. Make these offerings a tangible sign of your love in the world. As we place them before you, O God, your place your Son before us at this holy table. Love is surely present here. We give you all our thanks and praise. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

Since God is love Jesus became love in this world. As he was known and sought out by those looking for hope and healing, he shared a transforming love with all whom he befriended. One night, during his final meal with his closest followers, Jesus took bread...

That last supper Jesus shared with his friends became the everlasting supper that Jesus shares now with each of us. Send your

Holy Spirit into this wheat and wine so that it may become Christ's body and life blood for all who eat and drink of it. Make us ready to humbly receive it as we boldly pray the words that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God of love, Jesus has become known to us in the bread and cup. May this holy meal strengthen us to share your love with the world, a love that transforms lives in the sacred name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing

Beloved and blessed ones, we have lived and shared the love of God in this place. Now go from here remembering you are

+ Known by God who created you

Sought by Jesus who saved you and

Transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing LBW 259

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing. Fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each your love possessing triumph in redeeming grace.

Oh refresh us, oh refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your Gospel joyful sound. May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful, to your truth may we be found.

Savior when your love shall call us from our
struggling pilgrim way.
Let no fear of death appall us glad your
summons to obey. May we
ever, may we ever, reign with you in endless
day.

Dismissal God is love. You are loved. Go now in love.
Thanks be to God!