

THE INVITATION

Among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread;
and when he had blessed it, he broke it and said,
"Take this and eat it. It is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

Then later, he took a cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he said,
"In this cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death.
Take this, all of you, to remember me.'

All you who hunger and thirst for a better life, for a deeper faith, for a better world,
here is the bread of life: feed on it with gratitude;
here is the cup of salvation, drink from it and believe.
The gifts of God for the people of God.



SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Sing at the
direction of
the soloist as the
elements are shared



Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH** (stand in body or spirit & read the bold)

That we worship one God, Father-Son- and -Holy Spirit,
in whose image we are made, to whose service we are summoned,
and by whose presence we are renewed: **This we believe.**

That it is central to the mission of Christ that we participate through word and action
to rejoice in the diversity of human culture, to preserve the earth,
to witness to the love of God for every person: **This we believe.**

That through the power of the Holy Spirit, the persecuted shall be lifted and the wicked will fall,
the heartfelt prayers and hidden actions of God's people shall change for good the course of human history,
and the ancient words of scripture shall continue to startle us with fresh insight: **This we believe.**

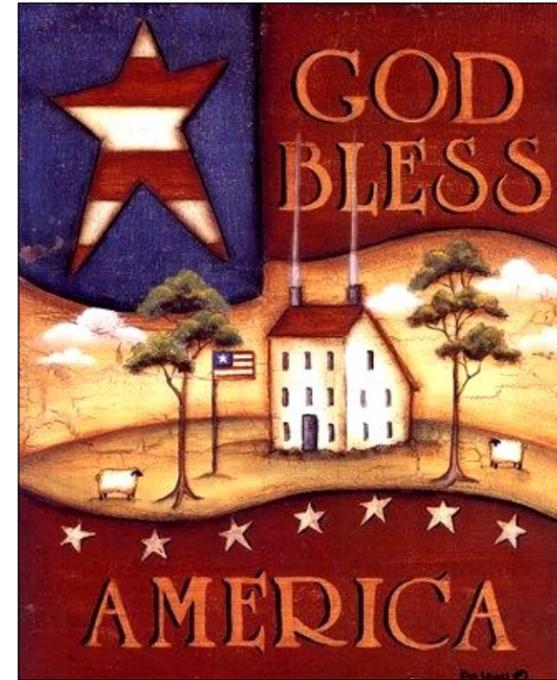
That Christ, fully aware of our differences, prays that we may be one so that the world may believe:
**To this we are committed for the love of God,
in the way of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

***All sing "Christ Be Our Light"** (the refrain above)

*BENEDICTION



All are invited to the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Mary Lou's ministry among us.
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)



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July 1, 2018
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Garrett Bugg, pastor

Preparation for Worship ~ "May I never boast of anything
except the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As for those who
follow this rule, may peace be upon them."
(Galatians 6:14, 16)

Welcome & Announcements
Please sign & pass the red Friendship pad

OPENING PRAYER

Hear these words from the Old Testament book of Lamentations (3:22-25)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him, for the
Lord is good to those who wait for him; to the soul that seeks him."

***HYMN 331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"**

***"WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM"** (all read the bold)
(Psalm 72 & II Corinthians 3:17)

God judges the people in righteousness.

**The mountains will bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.**

He will defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy.

**He will crush the oppressor and endure as long as the sun,
through all generations.**

The righteous will flourish
and prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

**He will rule from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth,
for where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.**

ALL SING: America! America! God mend thine every flaw, /
and crown thy good with brotherhood / from sea to shining sea!

***SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
Children's time with the Pastor

A TIME OF CONFESSION (all read the bold)

We pray that those who sacrificed for our freedom did not give their all in vain. May all who live in this land be free.

God of Freedom, forgive us when we oppress people.

Reconcile us to our brothers and sisters so that justice might be done in this land.

God of All People, forgive us when we fail to recognize your children in every human face.

Grant us courage to be stewards of your world so that our children's children might know the beauty of creation.

God of Nature, forgive us when we overlook the wonders of creation and allow destruction for our own gain.

Grant that our eyes never be blinded by any banner or flag which obscures our devotion to the cross of Jesus.

God our King, forgive us when we forget that you alone are the author of liberty. (a time of silence)

HYMN 337 "My Country 'Tis of Thee" (all sing v.1 / men sing v.2 / women - v.3 / all on v.4)

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PARDON ~ and all say: **Thanks be to God!**

A reading on the Gospel of Mark (5:21-43; all read as indicated)

A great crowd gathered around Jesus as he was by the sea. One of the synagogue leaders, a privileged man named Jairus, ran up to Jesus and fell at his feet, begging him, saying -

Men: My daughter is near death! Come lay your hands on her so she will live.

Leader: So he went with Jairus and a large crowd followed along, surrounding them. One of the crowd was a woman who had been hemorrhaging for twelve years, enduring much under many physicians, and had spent all she had, but was no better. She had heard of Jesus and tried to touch his robe.

Women: If I but touch his clothes, I know I'll be healed.

Leader: And when she touched his robe, she immediately knew she was free of her disease. Aware that the power had gone from him, Jesus turned to see who touched him. The woman fell down before him and told her whole story.

Men: Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed.

Leader: Just then people from Jairus' house came to tell him that his daughter had died. Jesus overheard the news and said, 'Do not fear, only believe.' And he continued to his house where they found many people weeping and wailing.

Men: Why do you make such a commotion? The child isn't dead; she's just sleeping.'

Women: Jesus sent them all away, took the child's hand, and said to her -

Leader: 'Talitha cum' - 'Little girl, get up!'

Women: Then the child got up and walked around (she was about twelve years old). And all who were there, were overcome with amazement.



The Word of God is Opened to Us

Rev. Garrett Bugg



The offering is received as we sing ~

HYMN 797 "We Cannot Measure How You Heal" (sing v.3 only; remain seated)

THE EUCHARIST



Gathered around a table is where Jesus so often met people - gathered around the table of Matthew, the table of Zacchaeus, the table of Lazarus and Martha and Mary, the tables of Joanna and Susannah - gathered around a table where he could see people face to face, listen to their stories, share their laughter.

And here, we are gathered around a table because this is where Jesus has promised to be for those who want to meet him.

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

"In the Silence of This Moment"

setting by D. Wagner

In the silence of this moment, in the quiet of this place, Lord, your people come before you, kneeling at your throne of grace. Bread of heaven, heal our spirits, bring us comfort, hope, and love. With the wheat and grape as tokens, bind us to your home above . . .

THE GREAT PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise for the life you lived among us - sitting at our tables, treating the unnamed and the privileged the same, listening to our complaints, never giving up on us.

Yes, it is right to give you thanks and praise for never compromising the truth by which you lived, for refusing to be swayed by popular opinion, for identifying the seductions of power, for confronting institutionalized prejudice and never selling your soul.

Yes, it is right to give you thanks and praise for loving the unlovable, touching the untouchable, forgiving the unforgiveable, and loving the potential beneath the pain.

So we gladly celebrate your life, as in concert with the church in heaven and on earth, we join this song of your unending praise ~

All sing: **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

It is not by virtue that we are here, but by your gracious invitation. God, our Maker, as you gave your people water from a rock in the desert and fed them with bread in the wilderness, let your Holy Spirit fill this bread and this wine with the fullness of Jesus so that we may receive, through faith, food for our souls.