

A Time of Worship & Praise

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024

WE GATHER

***Gathering Music:** *Spirit of the Living God* (2X) 393

Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Holy Mystery, Loving One, God beyond our imagining,

you create us; you include us; you love us.

Christ, living body of the love of God,

you heal us; you unite us; you give us to one another.

Holy Spirit, breath that breathes in us all, and makes us one,

you break every division among us; you bring us home to each other.

We thank you. We worship you. We open our hearts to you.

***Opening Prayer**

God of love, our tradition both assures us and challenges us. Open our hearts to receive your peace and to hear your nudging. Shape us by the power of your word. We pray in the name and the company of Jesus, our loving prod and our living comforter. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** *The Gift of Love* 408

Ministry Minute: Dedicating our Disaster Relief Gifts

WE LISTEN

Scripture

Acts 2.42-47: 1 Corinthians 13

Message: *Summer Essentials: Breaking Bread*

WE RESPOND

Fellowship at Christ's Table

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

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***The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord's Prayer

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Hymn: *Gather Us In*

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Sharing Bread & Cup

Giving Thanks

Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. You come to us in humble bread and feed us with unexpected grace. Send us into the world, to serve among those who are overlooked and rejected, to meet you among those who are not loved, to receive your grace from those who are outcast. Lead us by your Spirit, in the name of Christ, to bring good news to the poor. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Sharing Life Together

***Benediction**

***Hymn of Joy:** *In Christ There Is No East or West* (vv. 1, 2, 4)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midwest Missions Clean Up Buckets

After recent storms, it's time to restock Midwest Missions Clean Up Buckets. Please bring any of the items listed in our bulletin insert by June 2 for dedication before we deliver them to Annual Conference. If you wish to contribute to the *Iowa Disaster Relief Fund*, please mark your check "Iowa Disaster" and we will submit any special offerings.



Save the Date – Church Picnic – June 23

We'll celebrate together with worship at the Family Life Center, burning the mortgage, sending off Sarah Strohman to her new appointment AND a picnic! Watch for details very soon!

Coming Up

- ◆ **Mon, Jun 3:** Card Club 12 pm; Horizons 1 pm
- ◆ **Tues, Jun 4:** Card Club 12 pm; Bible Study, 1:30 pm
- ◆ **Wed, Jun 5:** Coffee, 3 pm
- ◆ **Thurs, Jun 6:** Horizons, 1:00 pm; AA, 7:30 pm
- ◆ **Sun, June 9:** Worship, 10 am

Worship Stewards	Today	Next Week
Acolytes	Kaylin & Marie Stewart	
Liturgist	Daniel Ditch	Sarah Frederick
AV	Ditch family	Anderson family
Livestream	Paxton Duhn	Randy Becker
Counters/Ushers	Karen Sargent/Dean Ver Mulm	Cal Christensen/Steve Hoyman
Communion	Kari Anderson/Amy Ver Mulm	

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Summer Essentials: Breaking Bread



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June 2, 2024 – 10:00 am

FELLOWSHIP AT CHRIST'S TABLE

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

1 Cor. 13

Love is patient and kind.

**Lord, it is hard to be patient when there is so much we need and want to do.
When other people slow us down, it is easy to forget to be kind.**

Love is not jealous or conceited or proud.

But we are, God. We look at some people and think we are better than they are. We look at other people and feel jealous of what they have and what they can do. Forgive us.

Love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable.

But we often blurt out rude, hurtful names and accusations, almost before we know what we are saying. Help us learn to think before we speak.

Love does not keep a record of wrongs.

**But we remember even those wrongs we have really tried to forgive.
We remember them and bring them up when we are angry or when we want our own way. We use them to hurt even the people we love. Help us to forgive and forget.**

Love is not happy with evil. Love is happy with the truth.

But it is hard not take secret delight when people get what they have coming to them. Teach us compassion, God.

Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

**But we give up easily. We give up on other people. We give up on ourselves.
We give up on making a difference. We lose hope that anything will ever be any different. Forgive us, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Hear this about God's great love. God is patient and kind. God does not keep a record of our wrongs. God does not remember our failings at loving but is happy about every one of our successes. God never gives up on us because God's love is forever. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

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*The Great Thanksgiving

(Steven Garnaas-Holmes)

God of love we thank you, for in love you create us and claim us as your Beloved.

**In love you confront all that oppresses us and all people,
and in love you set us free.**

Though we reject your love for us, and for others, still you are faithful.

So, with all Creation, we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ,
who loved beyond all boundaries, who included the rejected and blessed the broken, who invited all to his table of grace.

For his generosity of love he was opposed; he was scorned and crucified.

But you raised him from the dead, and still he invites us to the table he shares with all your Beloved of every tribe and tradition.

Blessing and Covenant

As long as we break this bread and share this cup, we remember his death and resurrection, until he comes again.

**Therefore, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in love, in holy self-giving, in union with Christ's self-giving, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:**

Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

We give thanks that at this table all are invited, all are welcome.

For your love is for all people, and no one is excluded.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup,
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

**Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ,
made one not by our faith but by your grace, fearless in love, inclusive in generosity, and courageous in the face of opposition, for the sake of the wholeness of the human family, in the name and the company of Jesus.**

Amen.