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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Dr. Elisa Bickers, organ

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen

Introit

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
by J. S. Bach; Laura Harris, piano

*Call to Worship

Rev. Zach Walker

We may not know the time or the place,
but we know that God is restoring the world.

We may not see the risen Christ before us,
but we know the Spirit rests upon us.

We may not know what God is doing next,
but we come together in faith, excited to discover it!

*Hymn 246 (st. 1-4)

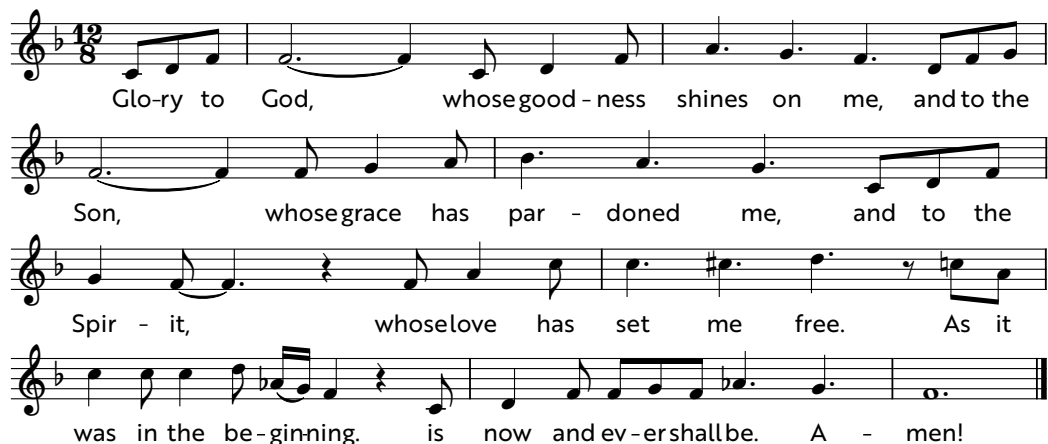
Christ Is Alive!

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, your Spirit is a wind of change, but we would recast it as a quiet breeze. Your call is to the edges of the world, but we would congregate in the comfortable places. Your will is to free us from the rumors of the world, but we would resign ourselves to the status quo rather than disturb the imagined peace. Forgive us, God of mercy. Fill our hearts with songs of faith, and give us the voice to sing them. (silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*Response to Assurance



*Passing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Joy Mae Johnson

Scripture

John 17:6-19 (p. 985)

Sermon

Belonging

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Hymn 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

Ritual of Friendship and Announcements

Prayers of the People and 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;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

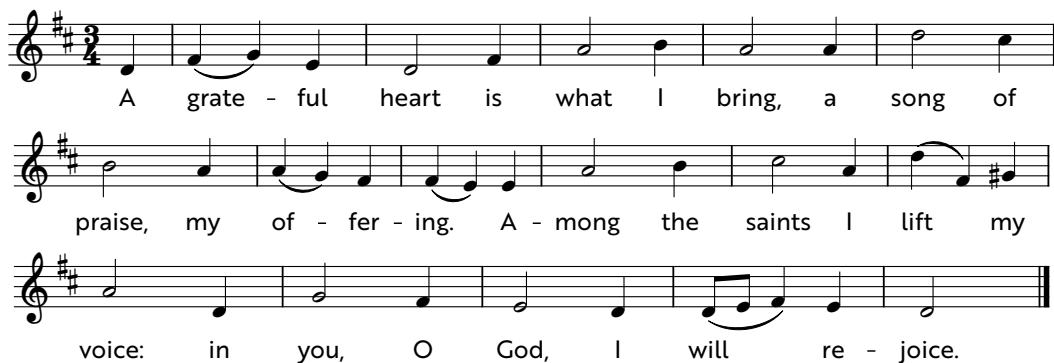
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offertory Music

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms
setting by Brenda Portman

*Sung Response



A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of
praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I lift my
voice: in you, O God, I will re - joice.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SENT

*Hymn 733

We All Are One in Mission

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (Hymn 246, st. 5)

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

*Postlude

Hornpipe, Opus 934
by Carson Cooman

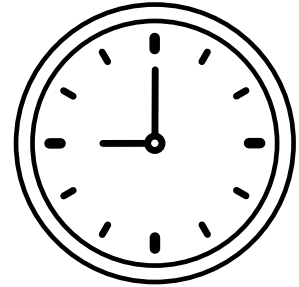
**All who are able may stand*

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Words of Faith (June 28-Sept. 20). Words matter. How we speak about our faith matters. How we describe what it is we do and do not believe matters. In this summer's sermon series, our pastors will explore different words of faith that come to us from a variety of places—scripture, theology, culture—in hopes that we might broaden our vocabulary and deepen our faith.

Aug. 23	Belonging - Rev. Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen
Aug. 30	Wisdom (<i>Youth Sunday</i>)
Sept. 6	Doxology - Rev. Anna Owens (<i>Hymn Sing</i>)
Sept. 13	Joy - Rev. Maggie Johnson Phillips (<i>Kickoff Sunday</i>)

We will return to
9 & 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays
starting Sept. 13



The flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Joe C. Morris by Susan Morris and family.

Child care is available downstairs. Bring infants through 23 mo. to Room 114 and ages 2-4 to Room 107. Parents, please keep your cell phones on!

Today is a Family Worship Sunday – Kids will worship with their families while we prepare for Fall Lighthouse. We look forward to seeing you at kickoff on Sept. 13!

Large print bulletins are available in the Narthex.
Ask an usher to bring you one.

Streaming video of Sunday services is available at villagepres.org/online.
You may call in to listen to a week-delayed broadcast of our Sanctuary service at 913-203-1301.

We kindly request that cell phones be turned off during worship.

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