

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshippers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"St. Thomas"

C. Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

My hope is in God.

Who made heaven and earth!

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

INVOCATION

You call your people to prayer and praise in many ways.
This day, bring us together just as you called the people of Israel
to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life.

God of unity, give us this day our daily bread.

Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to you.
As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that endures—
faith, hope, and love.

God of grace, give us this day our daily bread.

All life is created and nourished by you!
May we grow into new circles of understanding and being,
reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna.

Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MONDAY, Aug. 5	Administrative Committee at 6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, Aug. 6	Property Committee at 7 p.m.
SATURDAY, Aug. 10	Saturday Lunch Ministry at 11:30 a.m.
SUNDAY, Aug. 11	Administrative Committee at 9 a.m.

List of Session members

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

Class of 2024: Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata*, Barbara Wilkins*, David Swann
Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema*, Eddie Blount*, Jackie Rochford*
Class of 2026: Randy Brooks, Barry Cutright, Gail Jones*, Kim Wimer

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Daily Grace

Words by Sharon Odegaard and Edwin M. Willmington

Music composed by Edwin M. Willmington

I have a gift from the God of compassion, a treasure I claim when I pray;
Out of His love, His love overflowing comes grace fresh and new for today.

Refrain: He gives daily grace, for daily cares; His grace is sufficient to carry you.
He gives daily grace, for daily cares; His grace is sufficient for you.

I sing my song to the God of all good gifts, Thanksgiving and praise overflow.
Now as I live, my eyes fixed on Jesus, in knowledge and grace I will grow!

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
(Refrain repeats)

His grace is sufficient for you. Amen.

About the Anthem:

This anthem was written by Edwin Willmington, a composer of more than a hundred pieces of music. Most of Dr. Willmington's compositions are sacred, intended for either corporate worship services or the concert hall setting. He served on the advisory board for the *Hymnal for Worship and Celebration*, a hymnal used by many Protestant churches in America. Currently, Ed Willmington serves as the Director of Music at the Fred Bock Institute of Music at Fuller Theological Seminary.

While the first verse of Amazing Grace is included during the final refrain, other hymns are alluded to in the text. The first verse recalls the gospel song, "Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven." Other hymns come to mind based on the imagery of overflowing love, "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" and "Fill My Cup, Let It Overflow." The most prominent hymn in my mind after studying the lyrics is, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," and its reference to Lamentations 3:22b-23, "...Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."

HYMN

"Break Thou The Bread of Life"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you are our shepherd,
And yet we want.
We lie down when we could act,
We stir the pot when we could offer peace,
We wander tempting paths instead of following you.
We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them,
We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.
We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy,
So that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. Amen.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.
No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God's blessings and remain standing for the "Gloria Patri".

RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father

And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Use the gifts which we offer to you, Holy God, to restore joy to the despairing, to give food to the hungry, and willing spirits to us, that we might be servants to all your people. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Just as I Am"

Callahan

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

"Daily Grace"

Odegaard/Willmington

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Today, we stand before You, travelers at heart, seeking Your light to illuminate the paths before us. In the landscape of life's complexities, grant us the wisdom to discern the threads of truth and grace. Lord, guide our steps so that we may navigate the intricacies of this world with the compass of Your wisdom.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:7–15; Mark 6:34-42

SERMON

"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

HYMN

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

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COMMUNION LITURGY

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God the Life, God the Hope, God the Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Children of the most Holy, open your hearts to the One who has created you.

We open ourselves to the mystery we know as the Trinitarian One.

Heirs of salvation and joint heirs of grace, give thanks to the One who loves you forever.

We lift our praise to God, crying out with all creation, 'Glory! Glory! Glory!'

.... Let's pray together:

Thank you Jesus, for loving us, even unto death. Send your Spirit upon us so that we may know that all who eat and drink at your table in our congregation and around the world are one body, one holy people.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...Lets pray together:

Lord, give us clean hearts, forgiving hearts, praising hearts. As we eat and drink we join with our brothers and sisters in heaven and on earth, giving thanks to you in an endless song of praise. Amen.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

POSTLUDE

"Holy Manna" *Columbian Harmony (1825)*, arr. Berry

BENEDICTION

We have come to the Lord's table,
we have eaten the bread of heaven.
The Holy Spirit will transform us from within
so that we can see with Jesus' eyes,
hear with Jesus' ears,
speak with Jesus' mouth,
feel the world as Jesus feels;
to taste and see that the Lord is good.
Go into your week, nourished by the Bread of Life.