

**Sunday, August 7, 2022**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Communion Sunday**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**A Joyful Call to Worship**

Praise be to you O God, who has awakened us to a new day of living, and who offers us a new life that dawns with the light of your grace and love.

**(singing): Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love, Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, opening to the sun above.**

Praise be to you O God, who spins galaxies through the eons of time and space, who sets the evening sky ablaze with glory, who breathes life into the humblest worm and into us.

**(singing): All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.**

Praise be to you O God, who emptied yourself to live as our Brother and Friend, whose heart knows no barriers to compassion and mercy, whose holy purpose is to lift us into the fullness of joy and unity with you and all Creation.

**(singing): Thou our Father, Christ our Brother-- all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

**\*Hymn**      ***“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”***      *New Century Hymnal #236*

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**Unison Prayer for Illumination**

**Touch us, O God, through the ministry of melody, through the sounds and senses of song, through the wordless wonder that fills our souls with heaven, through the spirit that teases our feet to dance and causes our hearts to overflow, that we might be absorbed in the mystery and magic of music, and that in this moment of oneness our lives will be bonded to each other and to you.**

**Special Music**

***“The Gift of Love”*** arr. By Hal Hopson

**Maggie Heilweil**

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**\*Communion Hymn “As We Gather at Your Table” *New Century Hymnal* #332**

1 As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love’s victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

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## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

### **Invitation to the Table**

We come to this table, hungry to know our neighbor and be known by our neighbor; to love our neighbor and be loved by our neighbor.

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to our good God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

O Holy One, Breath of our Life, Originator of Grace, Source of Limitless Love...

### **Words of Remembering**

## **Prayer of Consecration & Sharing of the Elements**

*(We will share the bread and juice together. Please take your time to open the bread/juice packet)*

Friends, we are all blessed and a blessing, so let us be together as we invite the Spirit of God in the blessing of this meal.

**Breathe life in us, Holy Spirit of God— let these everyday gifts of bread and cup become for us soul-sustaining meal. As we share this meal, bring us together. Make us one loving community of neighbors. Amen!**

Friends, the table is ready! This meal is first and foremost a Gift from God. All are welcome without exception.

## **Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We thank you God because you have invited us to this table. Here we are strengthened for the task ahead of us: the loving of the world. Here we receive all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith. Help us love one another and your creation more. Teach us to pray, share, sing, teach, feed, heal, call, and welcome as you have done to us. Make our lives a form of praise for your love shown to us through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **Scripture**

Psalm 150

**Stu Rapp**

## **\*Hymn**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

*New Century Hymnal #277*

1 Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!  
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,  
from the beginning, God eternally.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Thought we know but dimly,  
though the eye of humankind your glory may not see,  
You alone are holy; You alone are worthy,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!  
All your works shall praise your name in earth, and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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## **Sermon**

**“All that Breathes Praise our God!”**

**Rev. Abby Gackenheimer**

## **Music of Reflection**

## **Joys and Concerns**

## **Pastoral Prayer and 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.*

## **Prayer Response “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” New Century Hymnal #769**

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

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## **Call to Offering**

One: We have the tools we need to love one another. Through our talents, treasures, and time, we can create God's Realm here on earth. Our contributions – no matter the size – will craft a world which reflects God's love.

### *\*Doxology*

## **\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Loving God, we glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these offerings today nourish a world craving more love, peace, justice, and hope. Amen.**

## **\*Hymn “Halle, Halle, Halleluja” x2 New Century Hymnal #236**

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## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

### **Liturgy:**

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