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PRELUDE - Josh

How Great Thou Art

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creator God, we praise you!

All: Risen Christ, we greet you!

Leader: Holy Spirit, we are one body by your grace.

All: You alone are holy, and we worship you.

Leader: You gather us as one people around the world:

All: one in Christ, one in your Spirit, and one in our worship of you.

Leader: We give thanks for the gathered community, and for your presence among us!

All: Alleluia! Make us one, God! Make us one! Alleluia!

(Written by Steve Garnass-Holmes, and posted on his website: unfoldinglight.net)

OPENING HYMN #2126 *All Who Hunger*

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth we shall be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us
is your food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in
joy, we keep the feast.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives
in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All Who Hunger

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A PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Leader: Loving God, present and near.

You are beyond our words and our understanding.

**All: Help us to remember that You are at once infinite, boundless, timeless, and eternal, but, at the same time, intimately entwined with our lives.
You are with us no matter where we find ourselves.**

Leader: When we have forgotten You,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: When we have failed to speak words of love,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: When we have neglected the need of another,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Loving God, present and near, help us to recognize Your presence and nearness with us as we worship together. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

(Written by Thomas Sutcliffe and posted on the Church of Scotland's Weekly Worship website.)

HOLY COMMUNION, *The United Methodist Hymnal*, page 15

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.*...The pastor concludes:*

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

...The pastor concludes:

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

...The pastor concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.
now and for ever.

Amen.

HYMN NO. 620 *One Bread, One Body* (v. 1, 2)

Refrain

One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Refrain

2. Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

One Bread, One Body

John B. Foley, S.J.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS / PASTORAL PRAYER / 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

For those who are called and able, gifts and tithes can still be made through [online giving](#), by mailing them in, and by dropping them off to the church office through the secure mail slot to the left of the double door entry to the church hallway.

OFFERTORY MUSIC - Josh**How Beautiful**

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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.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Old 100th)

Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, you have called us, gathered us, and given us yourself in the bread and cup. In gratitude for these and all of your blessings, we bring these offerings to you. May each gift, large and small like, give help and hope to those in need, even as we ourselves offer help and hope as we go about our daily lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:33-46 (NRSV)

33 “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 41 They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Response

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Anthem – Chancel Choir**Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Paul Baloche | Arr. Jim Lucas

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SERMON – Rev. Lee Carlile

God’s Vineyard

CLOSING HYMN #2268 *As We Gather at Your Table*

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.

As We Gather at Your Table

Carl P. Daw Jr.

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BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE – Josh****I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

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