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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world where lies surround us,

your word is like fire, God nearby!

In a world full of false prophets and empty promises,

your word is like fire, God nearby!

In a world where words don't have meaning,

your word is like fire, God nearby!

We are here, ready for our faith to be kindled by your word.

We are here to worship the God who is nearby!

GREETING

KYRIE – ELW Setting 8 vs 2,4 (p.184)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON – spoken – *Liturgy of the Beloved*

God of our Unending,

Your love is as boundless as the heavens.

Your grace is a river that flows without ceasing.

In Jesus, you weave yourself into the fabric of our humanity-

Divine Mercy made manifest in our own time.

Therefore, Beloved, hear the good news:

In love you were made, and to love you shall return.

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ every distance is bridged,

Every division is healed, and every heart is made whole.

May Christ be your heart's everlasting desire.

May the Words of Life be ever upon your lips!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN OF PRAISE ‘We Praise You, O God’ ELW 870

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN’S TIME – Pastor Prema

PSALM 82

¹God presides in the divine assembly and pronounces judgment among the “gods”:

²**“How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the corrupt?**

³Defend the lowly and the orphaned; render justice to the oppressed and the destitute!

⁴**Rescue the weak and the poor, and save them from the hand of violence!**

⁵But you know nothing and you understand nothing— you walk in darkness, and the foundations of the earth are shaking because of your ignorance!

⁶**I said, ‘You are “gods,” all of you— children of the Most High!’**

⁷But you will die as any mortal, and fall like any ruler!”

⁸**Rise up, O God, and bring justice to the earth,
for all the nations are your possession!**

READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (Inclusive Bible Version)

²⁹By faith, the people passed through the Sea of Reeds as though on dry land. When the Egyptians tried the same, they drowned. ³⁰By faith, the walls of Jericho fell after being encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith, Rahab the prostitute didn’t perish with those who were disobedient, after she welcomed the spies in peace. ³²What more can I say? There is no time for me to give an account of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, or David, Samuel and the prophets. ³³These were those who through faith conquered nations, did what was just and earned the promises. They shut the jaws of lions, ³⁴put out raging fires and emerged unscathed from battle. They were weak people who were given strength, became brave in battle and put foreign invaders to flight. ³⁵Some came back from the dead to their spouses by resurrection. Others submitted to torture, refusing release so that they could rise again to a better life. ³⁶Still others endured mockery, scourgings—even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned, sawed in half, even beheaded. They were homeless, dressed in the skins of sheep and goats; they were penniless and given nothing but ill treatment— ³⁸the world wasn’t worthy of them! —and they wandered in deserts and slept on mountains and in caves and ravines. ³⁹These are all heroes of our faith, but none of them received what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better for us, so that they would not be made perfect apart from us. ^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside everything that impedes us and the sin that so easily entangles us. Let us run with perseverance the race laid out for us. ²Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – ‘Halle Halle Halle-lujah’ ELW 172

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56 (Inclusive Bible Version)

⁴⁹“I’ve come to light a fire on the earth. How I wish the blaze were ignited already! ⁵⁰There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹“Do you think I’m here to bring peace on earth? I tell you, the opposite is true: I’ve come to bring division. ⁵²From now on a household of five will be divided—three against two and two against three, ⁵³father against son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴Jesus said again to the crowds,

“When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say that rain is coming—and so it does.
⁵⁵When the wind blows from the south, you say it’s going to be hot—and so it is. ⁵⁶You hypocrites!
If you can interpret the portents of earth and sky, why can’t you interpret the present time?

SERMON – Pastor Prema Samuel

SONG OF THE DAY: ‘*God of the Movements & Martyrs*’

CREED

We believe in a God

**whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.**

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,

**in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,**

to seek justice and to live in peace

to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,

to live in the freedom of forgiveness

and the power of the spirit of love,

and in the company of the faithful

so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our prayers: Cody M, Susan K, Pr. Richard R, Dana R,
Tom d, Gertie B, Pr. Erin T, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

PEACE

OFFERING SONG ‘*Great is Thy Faithfulness*’ ELW 733, vs 2

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - – *Liturgy of the Beloved*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks & praise to our Lord God.

It is right to give thanks and praise!

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – *Liturgy of the Beloved*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest!

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME - *Liturgy of the Beloved*



Online Giving



LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, through the Spirit's revelation,
may Your true nature be honored everywhere.

May Your reign of love come.

May desire of Your heart for the world be done,
in us, by us and through us in the power of the Spirit

Give us the bread we need for each day.

Forgive us.

Enable us to forgive others.

Keep us from all anxiety and fear.

For You reign in the power that comes from love which is Your glory
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMUNION SONGS

'Lamb of God' Now the Feast

'Here on Jesus Christ I will Stand' ACS 1024

'Spirit, Open My Heart' ACS 1043

'O God You Search Me' ACS 1082

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

SUNG BLESSING *'May You Run and Not Be Weary' WP 97*

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENDING SONG *'Hope Everlasting' Liturgy of the Beloved*

Oh, where do we go from here?

Whom do we follow, which path do we take?

We'll follow wherever You lead.

We'll follow Your heart's desire,

And seek to be Your peace for a world in need.

Now, may the God of all hope fill you with joy and peace, by faith,

And may your hope everlasting, by the power of the Spirit, abound!

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