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LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, October 27th Reformation Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession

P: I've been meaning to ask...

C: How are you? What has your year been like? Did you know that I have been thinking of you?

P: I have been meaning to ask...

C: Is your mom okay? Did your sister find a job? Did you ever think we'd still be here?

P: I've been meaning to ask...

C: Did it get easier? Did the grief subside? Were you ever able to sleep at night?

P: I've been meaning to ask, but I haven't—

C: Because it's hard. Because I want to say the right thing. Because I'm not sure what you need.

P: I've been meaning to ask, so I'm sorry for my silence.

C: Forgive me. Show me where it hurts.

P: Let's start again. Family of faith, we could all use some practice in asking where it hurts. Take a moment of silent prayer to think of the people in your world, in your lives, who may need you to reach out and ask. Give their names to God.

Pause for silent prayer.

P: Trusting that God hears all things, we say together:

C: Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

P: Family of faith, in the journey to love and care for one another, we are bound to make mistakes. Fortunately for us, we worship a God who showed us how to love, and who extends grace to us when we fail to do so for others. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

C: We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for this endless grace. Amen.

THE GATHERING

Gathering Song

"Come Let Us Worship"



1 Come, let us wor - ship God ... Come, let us wor - ship God ...
2 Rest for the wea - ry ... Rest for the wea - ry ...
3 Food for the hun - gry ... Food for the hun - gry ...
4 Hope for the chil - dren ... Hope for the chil - dren ...



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Hope for the chil - dren ... Hope for the chil - dren ...



Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ... Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ...
Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ... Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ...
Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ... Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ...
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To the love of God ... To the love of God ...
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Gathering Litany

A: Here in this space,

C: We wear our hearts on our sleeves.

A: There is no use in filters or walls.

C: This space is an authentic space, this space is a brave space.

A: For when it comes to God,

C: We are always invited to bring our full selves into the room.

A: So come into this space with your hurt and your joy, your prayers and your dreams.

C: All of God's children are welcome here. Let us worship Holy God.

Rise Up and Sing

Leader

Congregation

O God, o - pen my lips, and my
mouth will de - clare your praise.

1 Rise up and sing! Bring in the morn - ing;
2 Rise up, good friends! Now is the hour; . . .
3 Rise with the world, curled up a - wait - ing

dawn is a - born - ing, day has be - gun.
sun - light will show - er hope for the day.
end to the hat - ing, day full of grace.

Raise the glad sound! A - round us are break - ing
Rise from your sleep, and keep your dreams with you.
Rise up in song! The long night is end - ing;

Last time to Coda ☉

skies that are wak - ing light of the sun.
Let the light kiss you soft on your way.
now God is send - ing peace to this place.

☉ *Coda*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

Scriptures

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Romans 3: 19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For 'no human being will be justified in his sight' by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Children's Message

Gospel Verse "Spirit of the Living God, Fall Fresh on Me"

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. —

F F7 Gm D/A Gm7 F/C Bb/C C7 F F7

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. —

Bb Bbm/Eb F Dm G Csus rit. C C7

Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. —

F *a tempo* F7 Gm D/A Gm7 F/C Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Gospel

John 8: 31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?'

Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.'

Gospel Verse

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!



Affirmation of Faith

On my best days, I believe that God is there—standing in the sun with me, laughing a contagious laugh and cheering me on.

On my hardest days, I believe that God is there—standing in the rain with me, holding me up and sharing in my grief.

No matter where I go— in joy or in loss, in pain or in love, in heartache or in gratitude— I believe that God is there, leaning in, noticing where it hurts, and carrying me through it.

And so, I believe we are called to care for each other as God cares for us. On your best days in the sun and on your worst days in the rain, I will do my best to be there for you too. Amen.

Prayers of the People

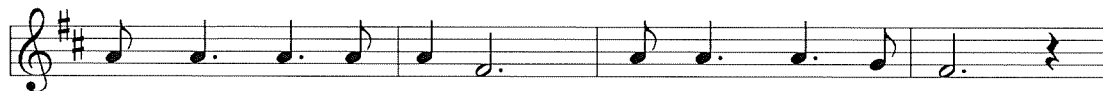
A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

THE MEAL

Offering

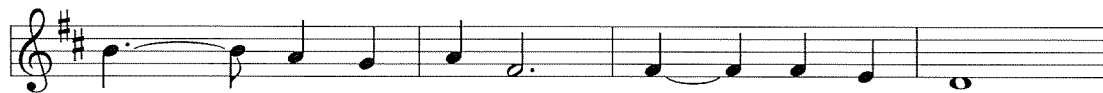
Offering Response "What Have We to Offer"



1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;



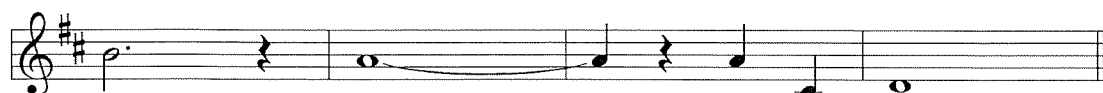
God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.
truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar there.
Lay it at the al - tar then.
Lay it at the al - tar now.



4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives we will live.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray, Merciful God,

C: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen

Preface

P: We gather around a lot of tables in this world, and each of them has a different hold on us. At the lunch table we see our friends, but we also may see our insecurity. At the conference table we may dream big dreams, but we also may see competition or fear. At the family table we see love and laughter and conversation, but we also may see seats that are empty, or hear silence that feels lonely. We gather around a lot of tables in this world, but there is none like this one. Here at this Table we can bring the different pieces of ourselves— our dreams and our joy, our fear and our insecurity, our pain and our hurt—and they will be welcomed. Here at this Table we show up hungry and we always leave fed. Here at this Table we are met by a God who says, "Come in, come in! The food is ready, the Table is set, this chair has your name on it. We've been waiting just for you." Friends, there are a lot of tables in this world, but there is none like this one. We have a seat saved for you. Come.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C: 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Lamb of God



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion

Blessing and Prayer After Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace, now and always.

C: Amen

P: Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always.

C: Amen

THE SENDING

Blessing

P: Family of faith, as you leave this place, may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak your truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love even when it's hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you.

C: Amen.

Song

Let Us Enter In



1 Let us en - ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
2 Let us en - ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
3 Let us en - ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en - ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
Let us en - ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
Let us en - ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en - ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
Let us en - ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
Let us en - ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

Dismissal

A: In the name of the Great Connector who is Love itself, go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.