

Worship Outline

September 8, 2019

Gathering

Prelude

Laudation

Martin

Introit

Enjoy Jesus

Fontana

+Call to Worship (responsive)

We gather as the family of God,

bound together in the body of Christ.

We gather as the children of God,

called together in the presence of the Spirit.

We gather this day to worship God

and join our lives in the life of the church.

+Invocation

Let us pray...

Weaver of life, framer of the ages,

we marvel at your artistry and the trust you place in us.

From our first cries to our final breaths, we are your own.

Bind us now to each other in ways beyond our choosing,

that your purpose might find fulfillment in our common life and service,

for we pray in the name of Jesus, the firstborn of all creation.

Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Trusting in the power of God
not only to fashion the world,
but to mend and refashion our hearts,
let us say how it is with us.

**Holy God,
we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely.
Instead, we calculate our gains and losses,
hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life.
Forgive us,
and help us to treasure only you,
that we may follow you faithfully
and discover the blessings only you can give. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

Assurance

Hear the sound of love poured out:
[Water is poured into the font.]

2 Cor. 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation;
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new.
Sisters and brothers,
in the name of the Christ I declare
that your story is known,
your sin is forgiven,
your life is made new.
Let us live as those reborn.

Welcome and the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Gathering Song 399

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

Let's sing it three times.

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Choral Anthem

Holy Manna

Joel Raney
Chancel Choir

Unison Prayer for Illumination

In preparation for the reading and hearing of God's word, let us pray...

Holy and merciful God,

we have come to hear your word.

Help us to bear it.

Break down in us all that resists your will

and plant in us a willingness to turn,

for we would live; we would be your disciples.

By your Spirit, come to us, now,

in ancient texts, in everyday visions, in the need

of our neighbor;

we pray in the name of Jesus, our light. Amen.

A reading from the gospel of Luke. Let us listen for God's word given to us this day.

25 Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, 26 "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

+Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Prayers of the People

Loving God, we offer our prayers this day
in gratitude and thanksgiving,
for in Christ you have laid a foundation for us
that we might follow you more closely.
We pray for the mission of your church

and thank you for the joy and encouragement
we receive from you through our church family:
give us the grace to plant faith and build love
wherever you lead us to the benefit of your reign.
We pray for all leaders and people of this world:
give us a clear vision of the world as you intend
and the will to realize that dream of justice and peace for all.
We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit:
bring refreshment to their hearts through Christ
that they may know your abiding presence
and power to comfort and heal.
We pray for your creation:
convict us of the ways in which we break down and destroy
the fabric of your world
and give us the will to amend our ways
as we seek to live in harmony
with the goodness you have created.
We pray for the dying and those who have died:
may they rest in your eternal glory with all the saints in light.
Now to you be all the glory,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.

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.

Choral Prayer Response

Whatever We Ask in Prayer

Fontana

Offering

Invitation

All that we are points back to our Creator;
all that we have is gift and trust.
God will finish what God has begun;
we have the privilege of taking part.
With grateful hearts,
let us bring our tithes and offerings
to the God from whom they came.

Offertory

The King of Love

Blake

+Doxology 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

+Dedication

God of all creation,
your claim on us is total;
your desire for us, complete.
We cannot follow Christ from a comfortable distance.
Yet we ask that you would receive us this day
and use what we bring.
Keep sending your Spirit into our hearts,
until we yield all that we love
and all that we fear
to your holy purpose.
For we long to cede our lives to you;
we long to know the fullness of your joy.
We dare to pray in the name of Jesus,
who gave his life out of love for the world. Amen.

Sending

+Hymn 720

Jesus Calls Us

+Benediction and Blessing

May the Artist who crafted you continue to shape your heart,
may the Christ who commissioned you, charge you with purpose,
may the Spirit that stirs you, help you to carry the cross,
that you may honor your Creator and bless the world.

+Congregational Benediction 648

*Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what
God has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord
Rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people
Forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude

Psalm of Joy
Blake