

Worship Outline
Easter 3
May 5, 2019

Gathering

Prelude

Morning Meditation
Paxton

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place
Wolfe

+Call to Worship (responsive)

Hungry?

Come and be fed.

Thirsty?

Come and be refreshed.

Lost?

Come and be found.

Lonely?

Come and be welcome.

All are welcome here.

All will be nourished with the food of love; God's love.

Let us worship God.

+Prayer of Adoration -

Let us pray...

God of our dreams,

you confound us and disturb us.

You shake us up, and you change the way we think and act.

You do all of this through our dreams.

Through the new things that we learn,

through friends and strangers telling it as it is,

through our reading and our viewing,

through our neighbours and our workmates,

in our worship experiences,
our daily Bible readings,
and in our private devotions,
you speak to us.
You reveal yourself to us
and you make your ways known to us.

So we praise you for not giving up on us,
for not keeping us as we are,
but by renewing us,
refocusing us,
and turning us around
to accept that your ways are better than our ways.
That your world is bigger than our world.
That the Spirit of God is able to change our understandings,
our worldviews, our cultural understandings,
into something fresh,
wholesome and wonderful. Amen.

+Hymn of Praise 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Unison Prayer of Confession -

We know that God show no partiality,
but welcomes and forgives all those who repent.
Let us confess our sin.

**God of our dreams,
forgive us when we fail to grasp your will at work in our lives.
Forgive us when we are puzzled
by your challenges and afraid to step out in faith.
Forgive us when we believe
that things should always be done in only one way.
Forgive us when our experiences of life are too narrow to open
up a bigger world where we can find you.
Forgive us when we refused to accept your word
and believe that we knew what was best for us.**

Silence is kept.

**Have mercy upon us Lord.
Forgive our lack of confidence,
our lack of trust,
our lack of vision,
and bring to us a deeper sense of your peace
and your understanding,
that our lives can be made new in you
and our sins forgiven.
We ask these things in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

Assurance (responsive) - Liz
God forgives all our sins
and promises to bring us to everlasting life.
Alleluia and amen!

+Welcome and the Peace - Liz
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

+Gathering Song 243

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples -

Prayer for Illumination -

Let us pray.

Living God, with joy we celebrate
the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news
of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture -

Acts 10: 1-17, 34-48

1 In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. 2 He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. 3 One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." 4 He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. 5 Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; 6 he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." 7 When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, 8 and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa. 9 About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. 10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. 11 He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. 12 In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. 13 Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." 14 But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." 15 The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." 16 This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. 17 Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate.

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

Anthem

Great Is the Lord!

Althouse

Chancel Choir

Eucharist

Offering

Invitation -

God gives us not only genesis life
but the new life born of repentance, forgiveness, and resurrection.
Therefore, with generous hearts,
let us give back a portion of what has already been given to us
in our baptismal covenant with God and each other.

Offertory

Et Incarnatus from the "Lord Nelson Mass"

Handel

+Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore,
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

+Prayer of Dedication -

Loving God,
you have gathered us into one baptism,
regardless of our backgrounds and conditions.
Therefore we praise you with our tithes and offerings.
May they join with others to become a mighty river,
bringing your peace and healing to the world. Amen.

*We will sing the invitation to the table through twice.
The choir will sing through once and the congregation is then invited to join in.*

Great Thanksgiving
Creator of the cosmos,
Breath of heaven,
Lover of us all,
you are our praise, our life, our joy.

You are there
through desert wanderings and willful murmurings,
rebellious running and tears of complaint.
You are there
when sorrow becomes our daily food;
you rescue us from ruin and anoint us with blessing.
You are there
in stable and temple,
river and hillside,
cross and tomb
and even beyond the grave.

Rising Sun,
Soaring Spirit,
Radiant Lord,
you are there in shining glory,
overcoming death and welcoming us to life.
You meet us in the breaking of bread,
you pour out the wine of salvation;
you feed us with grace and
overwhelm us with love.

By your Spirit,
make these gifts
your body and your blood.
By your Spirit,
make us one

with you and with each other.
By your Spirit,
make us strong
that we might share your love
with your blessed and broken world.

Fount of mercy,
Fire of justice,
Dearest friend,
bind us to you and send us out
to seek and serve and sing your praise,
until you gather us up in glory
and bright, unending song. 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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

“This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more.”

Prayer after Communion

Holy and just God, at this our Lord's table we have known the power of your promises and the mystery of his presence. We have seen that we are one in him, reconciled with our sisters and brothers, united in praise and in service. Being fed and fortified, lead us now into the world to proclaim your justice and to work for your peace, that all would come to see and know that Jesus is Lord and Savior. To him be honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Sending

+Hymn (insert)

God, In Christ You Give Salvation
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Tune: God of Grace and God of Glory

+Blessing and Charge (responsive)

We have tasted and seen that the Lord is good.

We have been refreshed by streams of living water.

**We go now to share what we can,
to share what we have,
to share what God has given.**

+Congregational Benediction 591 (refrain)

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!