

Praise Service



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* = Please rise in body or spirit

*** *Confession and Forgiveness***

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

*** *Greeting***

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*** *Prayer of the Day***

P: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu..... alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu..... alleluia!

We do not live bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu..... alleluia!

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Gratitude

All my words fall short, I got nothing new
How could I express all my gratitude

I could sing these songs as I often do
But every song must end and You never do

Chorus

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much but I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, Hallelujah

I've got one response, I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

Come on my soul, oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song 'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

Repeat Bridge 3

Repeat Chorus

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**** If We Are The Body***

It's crowded in worship today
As she slips in, trying to fade into the faces
The girls' teasing laughter is carrying farther than they know
Farther than they know

Chorus

But if we are the body, why aren't His arms reaching

Why aren't His hands healing, why aren't His words teaching
And if we are the body, why aren't His feet going
Why is His love not showing them there is a way
There is a way

A traveler is far away from home
He sheds his coat and quietly sinks into the back row
The weight of their judgmental glances
Tells him that his chances are better out on the road

Repeat Chorus

BRIDGE

Jesus paid much too high a price
For us to pick and choose who should come
We are the body of Christ

Repeat Chorus 2X

Jesus is the way

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Good News:

Matthew 20:1-16

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For the Kingdom of Heaven is like the landowner who went out early one morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay the normal daily wage and sent them out to work.

“At nine o’clock in the morning he was passing through the marketplace and saw some people standing around doing nothing. So he hired them, telling them he would pay them whatever was right at the end of the day. So they went to work in the vineyard. At noon and again at three o’clock he did the same thing.

“At five o’clock that afternoon he was in town again and saw some more people standing around. He asked them, ‘Why haven’t you been working today?’

“They replied, ‘Because no one hired us.’

“The landowner told them, ‘Then go out and join the others in my vineyard.’

“That evening he told the foreman to call the workers in and pay them, beginning with the last workers first. When those hired at five o’clock were paid, each received a full day’s wage. When those hired first came to get their pay, they assumed they would receive more. But they, too, were paid a day’s wage. When they received their pay, they protested to the owner, ‘Those

people worked only one hour, and yet you've paid them just as much as you paid us who worked all day in the scorching heat.'

"He answered one of them, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair! Didn't you agree to work all day for the usual wage? Take your money and go. I wanted to pay this last worker the same as you. Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?'

"So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

** The Apostle's Creed*

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** Prayers of Intercession*

** Sharing the Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

** Offering Prayer*

P: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

** The Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

* *The Eucharistic Prayer*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

* *Lord's Prayer*

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

* *Benediction*

P: As you go on your way may Christ go with you.

May he go before you to show you the way.

May he go behind you to encourage you,

Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over you,

Within you to give you peace.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

* *Blessing of The Neighborhood*

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* *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
(*chorus*)

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride
(*chorus*)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one
(*chorus*)

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* *Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



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This Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Mike Way, Judy Moyer
Reader	Pastor Amy
Altar Guild:	Brenda Foose
Welcome Center:	Jen Christman
Counters:	Pat Stonerook, Judy Hunsberger

Next Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Joyce Brothers, Spencer Brothers
Lay Reader:	Dennis Faust
Altar Guild:	Jen Christman
Welcome Center:	Gwen Semmens, Donna Usavage
Counters:	Gwen Semmens, Peggy Brendlinger

St. Luke's Calendar

Today	Thrift Shop Meeting, 10:15 A.M.
Wednesday, September 23 rd	Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Saturday, September 26 th	The Neighborhood Grand Opening, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Saturday, September 26 th	Skippack Pharmacy Vaccine Clinic, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Sunday, September 27 th	Holy Communion service, 9:00 AM
Sunday, September 27 th	Faith Formation, 10:15 AM
Sunday, September 27 th	U. F. Community Days, 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



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