



A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.  
GROWING. CARING. SERVING.



SEPTEMBER 7 & 8, 2024  
RALLY SUNDAY WEEKEND

## Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag.

**PREACHING:**

Pastor Connie Tiede

**ASSISTING:**

SUN Pr Mike Pancoast

**READER:**

5 PM Judy Bendiske

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

**ORGANIST:** Mary Jo Gothmann

PRELUDE

## GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITANY FOR RALLY DAY:

Loving God, we thank you for all the blessings of the summer that is past,  
**and we pray for your guidance as the new program year begins.**

Let it be a year of shared learning and growing, O God!

**Deepen the knowledge of your Word among us.**

Accept our commitment to the strengthening of becoming your disciples.

**Let us make a joyful noise with our hearts and voices, sharing the gifts you have given.**

Compel us to share of our resources and strive for justice.

**Empower us to work for reconciliation and love.**

O God, you have been our help in ages past and hope for years to come.

**Be our help still, for we hope in you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!**

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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**GREETING:**

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

**And also with you.**

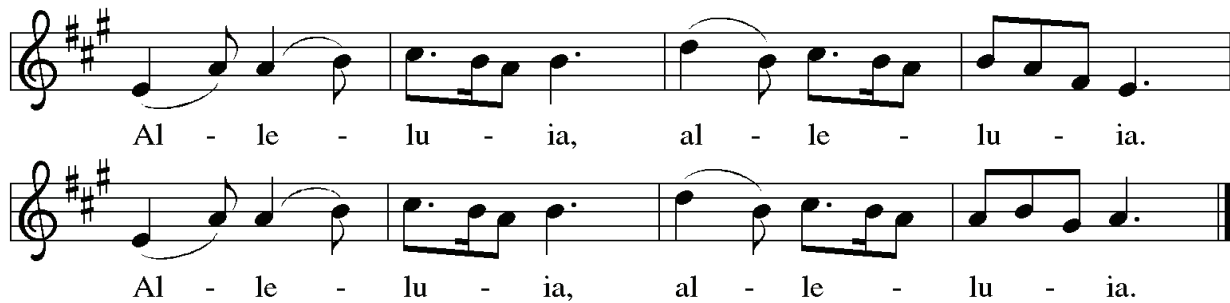
**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

LESSONS: Isaiah 35:4-7a

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Celtic Alleluia* .....174



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

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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**GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:31-37

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON: *"Being Open"* by Pastor Connie Tiede

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
 Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
 we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED:

**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.**

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

*After each petition*

God of mercy and grace . . .

**Hear our prayer.**

### SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)*

### MANY WAYS TO GIVE

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click on "GIVE TODAY"

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or



# MEAL

## OFFERING

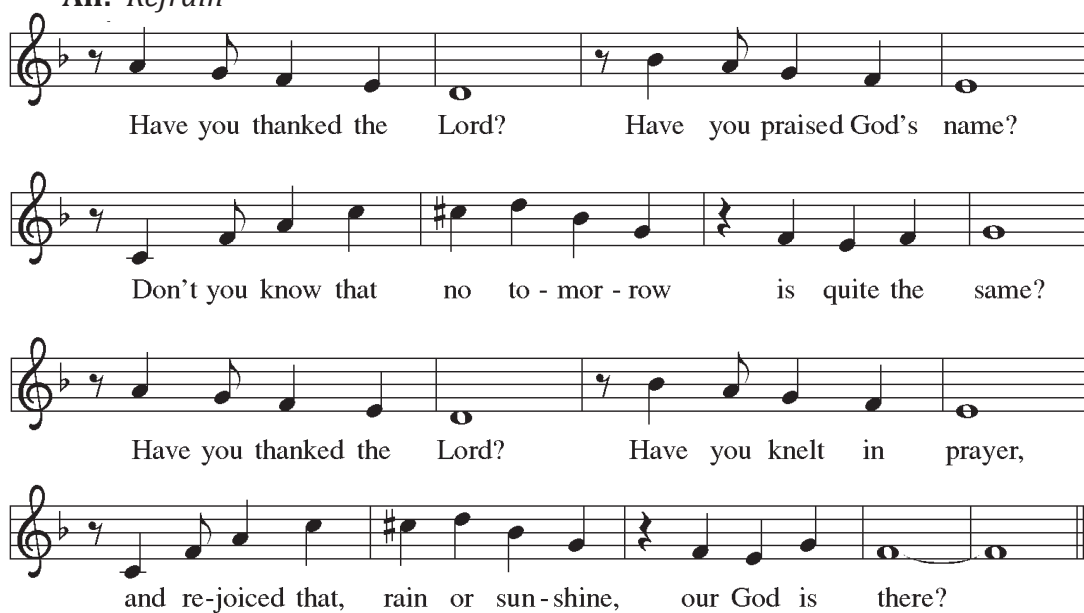
SPECIAL MUSIC: "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Stephanie Heiberg, vocalist; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

OFFERTORY: Have You Thanked the Lord, vs 1

829

*All: Refrain*



Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?  
Don't you know that no to-mor-row is quite the same?  
Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer,  
and re-joiced that, rain or sun-shine, our God is there?

Leader: Hallelujah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand and sea,  
ev'ry star at night that shines for you and me.  
Blessings so many come our way; have you thanks the Lord today?

*All: Refrain*

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE 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 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.**

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Borning Cry

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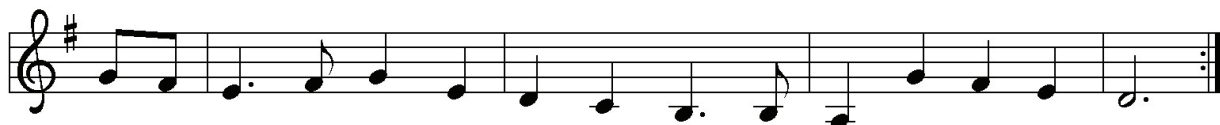
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

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*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing  
 sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

WE WELCOME YOU  
TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance  
Units Available

Hearing assistance units  
are available at the  
sound booth at the  
back of the Sanctuary.

Mobility Concerns

We have areas in the  
sanctuary where a wheel-  
chair or walker will fit.  
Ushers can assist you.

Children Welcome

Activity bags are avail-  
able outside the sanctu-  
ary. We have two "pray  
grounds" in the sanctuary  
with plenty of places just  
outside the sanctuary as  
well where children can  
sit and play.

LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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# SENDING

## BENEDICTION

May God shine the light of glory into your hearts. May Christ be with you and never leave you. And may the Spirit renew the image of God within you. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: This Little Light of Mine

677

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
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oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE