

**BLESSED TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
AT ROSEMONT
1705 West Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018**



**LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
Wedding Feast at Cana
Martin Luther King, Jr.**

JANUARY 19, 2025



OUR MISSION

Christ has called us together to do God's Work.

**Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont
is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of
race, creed, age, national origin,
cultural background, sexual orientation, class,
physical or mental ability.**

WELCOME

Lector Peace be upon all who enter this house. A warm welcome is extended to all, especially those who are gathering here at Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont for the first time, or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together. Everything you need to follow along is found in your bulletin. Everyone is welcome to join us for a time of fellowship following the gathering. Thanks for the gift of you!

PREPARATION

Leader The Lord is with you.

Assembly And also with you.

PRELUDE: *We are One in Mission* - Mark Sedio

The assembly stands for the Gathering, Reconciliation, Gathering Hymn, Sentence and Prayer of the Day.

GATHERING

Pastor Come people of God, turn your hearts and minds to the light of Christ. Let us be ready to welcome the events and the people who may become turning points in our lives.

Assembly We welcome with eyes and hearts open, ready to see God present in our world; in the people we meet and in the things we do.

RECONCILIATION

Pastor In this time of quiet I invite you to reflect on life. Bring into the presence of God, in this place, the joys and burdens you carry with you this morning. If you need forgiveness, seek it in the renewing love of God. If you need healing, or courage, or wisdom, seek it in the peace of God. Jesus says, "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." (Luke 11:9)

Silence

Leader We pray together,

Assembly Gracious God, give us the wisdom to hold to what we need, grace to let go of those things that we can do without, and a vision of your breadth, height, and depth that will challenge our smallness of heart, and bring us humbly together. Amen.

Pastor Spirit of God hold us, Spirit of God move us, Spirit of God burn within us, so that we may light up the world + with your love.

GATHERING HYMN - Hymnal 641

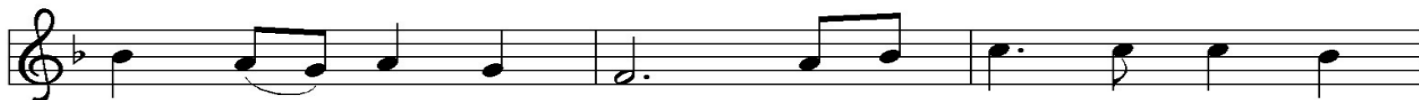
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



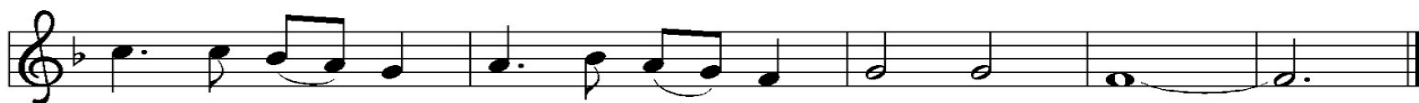
hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain
Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. --*Psalm 36:7-8*

Pastor Feasting God, You give us a foretaste of your transforming power; continue to change us so that we may, more and more, reveal your glory, and all creation share the fullness of your life; through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Assembly Amen. May it be so!

Pastor Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

The assembly may be seated for the readings.

A READING Isaiah 62:1-5

Lector A reading from the Old Testament from the Prophet Isaiah.

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 36:5-10 setting Christopher L. Webber, tune Old Hundredth

Your love and faithfulness, O Lord,
Reach heaven above where white clouds sail;
Like ancient hills, like ocean deeps,
Your righteous judgements never fail.

How priceless is your love, O God!
You save both humankind and beast;
Your wings give refuge in their shade,
You call us to your house to feast.

Your streams of pleasure give us drink;
The well of life, Lord, is with you,
And in your light do we see light;
Give grace to all whose hearts are true.

A READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthian people.

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Wisdom from the World/Religious Traditions

Wisdom is not just special knowledge about something. Wisdom is a way of being, a way of inhabiting the world. The beauty of wisdom is harmony, belonging and illumination of thought, action, heart and mind. (John O'Donohue)

Lector Into this day will break moments of awareness,
tiny shards of light that illumine
the whole reality of existence.

**Assembly May this reading be such a moment
and may we be blessed by its gift.**

A READING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

Lector A reading from the world around us. *Quest* by Kathy Fuson Hurt.

Once I lived in a two-dimensional world.
Things were long and wide - but flat.
My narrow vision did not include depth.

Depth came, but only when I opened my own depths
plunged into their darkness
thrashed about in them
learned them
loved them.

My depths restored, the world regained its missing depths
which, like mine, demanded exploration
struggle
understanding
love.

Now a fourth dimension rises in life.
Things are long, wide, deep - and rich.
This expanded vision includes meaning.

Meaning comes, but only by grace
given unexpectedly
undeservedly
breaking into a lost life.

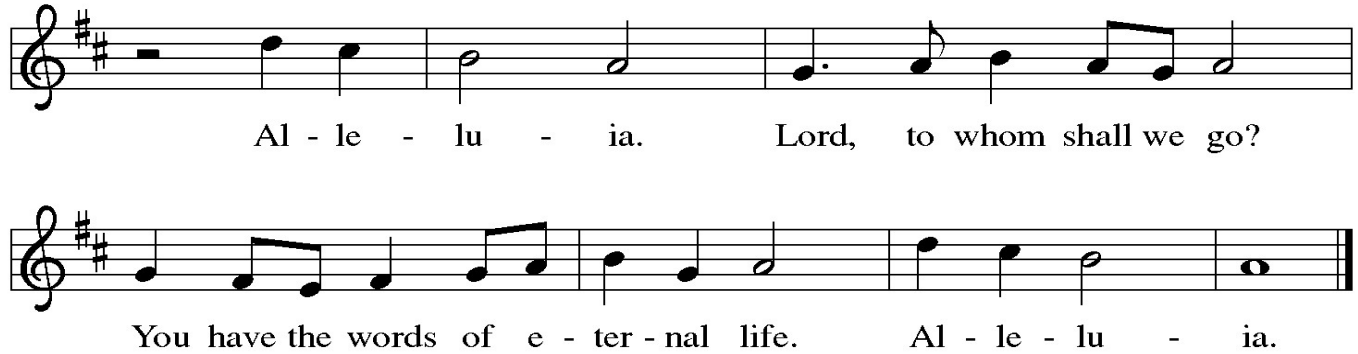
Through grace, life acquires meaning
which appears as a fourth dimension
which is God.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands, as able, for the Acclamation and the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL John 2:1-11 New International Version

Pastor A reading from the + Holy Gospel as written to us by John.

Assembly Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”

⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.”

⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.”

And they filled them up to the brim.

⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.”

So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Pastor This is Good News from the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated for the Sermon.

THE SERMON

The assembly stands as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY - Hymnal 312

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905-1958

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LITANY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Pastor In Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Assembly How beautiful are the feet of those...

Leader Who walk with a sense of purpose and reality,
Who walk unafraid to be challenged and to change,
Who walk with an understanding of people and an open faith,
Who have the courage to tread unknown paths.

Assembly How beautiful are the lips of those...

Pastor Who speak aloud the message of Justice,
Who question deeply why poverty exists and why there are poor,
Who dare to choose imagination and live creatively
our universal partnership.

Assembly How beautiful are the feet of those...

Leader Who have the courage to walk through darkness
asking questions about human rights,
Who are to be compassionate leaders – inclusive
of the poor and understanding of them,
Who are willing to enter into humble partnership.

Assembly How beautiful are the lips of those...

Pastor Who proclaim aloud that we must never hesitate
to amplify the voice of those who go unheard,
Who recognized the deafness in our land,
the sound of all our people who are dispossessed,
Who celebrate the goodness of the human person
in every race and color and walk of life.

Assembly How beautiful are the feet of those...

Leader Who walk in compassionate love,
Whose way proclaims a spirituality of action,
Who walk a partnership of justice, peace, love, and friendship,
Who know that every step we take is holy,
Who celebrate the goodness of the human person
in every race and color and walk of life.

The assembly may be seated or kneel for prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Lector Let us be still and mindful of the world, the Church, this nation, our
communities, and ourselves. Let us pray together in God's grace.

OFFERTORY: *Kuortane* – Gordon Young

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader Let us pray,
God of splendor,
your goodness sustains us,
and your graciousness gives us hope.
Use us and this money to further the way
of love, hope, and justice in the world.

Assembly Amen. May it be so!

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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CELEBRATION HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Pastor Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
blessing us with gifts to share.

Assembly Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor God's hope is in us. Lift up your hearts.

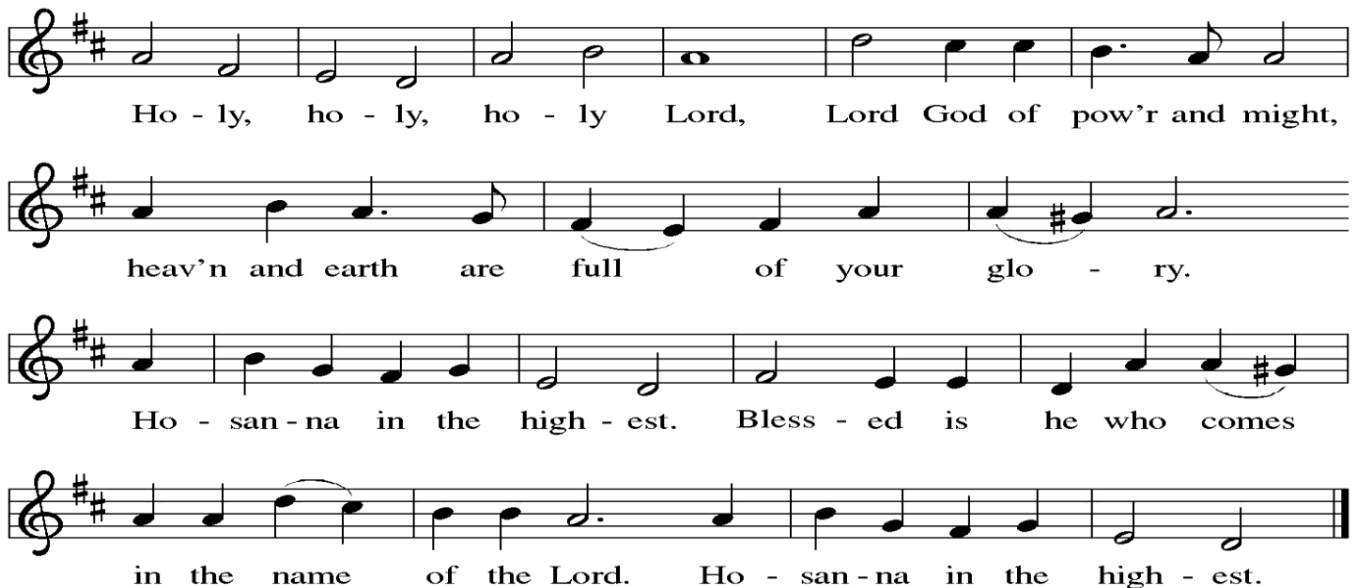
Assembly We lift them up to God.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

Assembly It is right to offer thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Pastor All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere, creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son: for at this time, we celebrate your revelation in our midst. In the coming of the Magi, Jesus was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism, he was revealed as your Son sent among us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore, with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to sing our joyful hymn of praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor On the night before he died Jesus took bread;
when he had given thanks he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood which brings new life;
do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our
redeemer, we meet you in your glory.

THE OUR FATHER

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

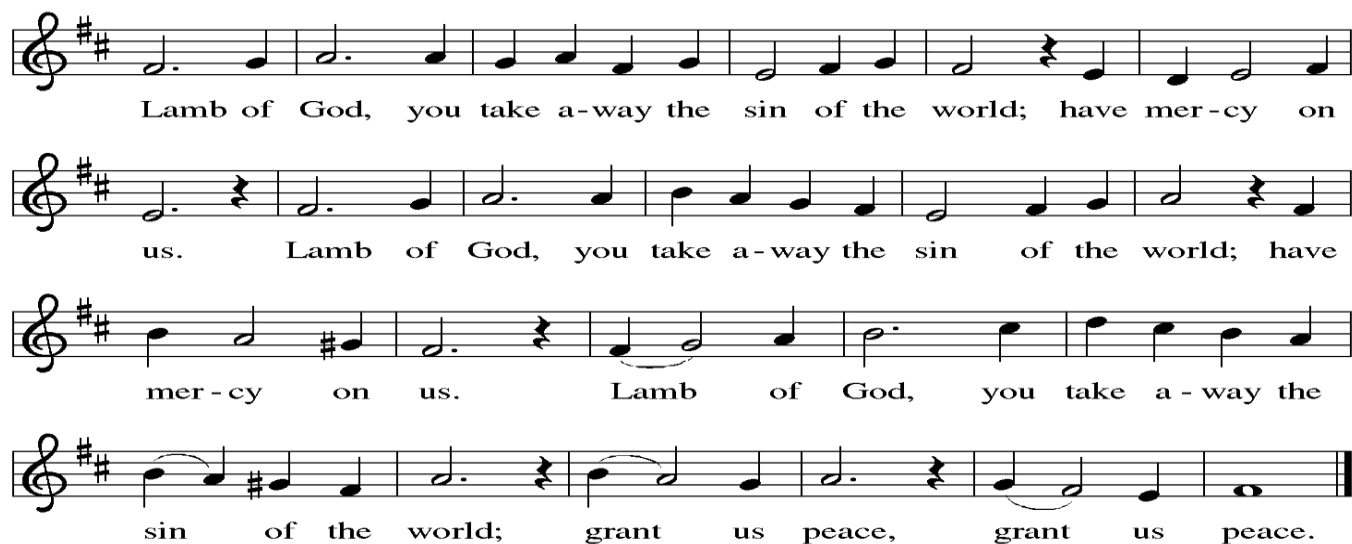
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**Assembly God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

THE INVITATION

Pastor Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,
for all are welcome to share in this act of communion.



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.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Now We Join in Celebration – Hymnal 462

Now the Silence – Hymnal 460

The assembly may stand as they are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader God of abundant love and unexpected gifts, we delight in your presence amongst us. We are glad we can gather around your table as friends sharing the bread of life and wine of blessing. In this Winter season we will look for you in the smile of strangers, we will honor you in the life of those we love, we will be people of God and the Body of Christ wherever we are.

Assembly Amen.

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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PARTING WORDS

Leader As we prepare to leave this place
be assured that God's presence goes with us.
Let your hearts burn within you
as you dare to trust.
Live in gratitude each and every day;
love sincerely and live confidently.

SENDING HYMN - Hymnal 576

We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor Go boldly into the future which has been claimed by God.
Know that the God who holds all things will be there,
that Christ who calls us friend will walk beside us,
and the Spirit who makes all things new
will mark our way with light and hope.
And may the blessings of God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit
be upon us, and upon this congregation until we meet again.
Assembly Amen! May it be so!

THE DISMISSAL

Leader May the streets of our city be holy ground under your feet.
Go into the city, walking in faith and hope.
Assembly We go in the name of Christ.

POSTLUDE *Now the Silence* – Charles Ore

Today's Altar Flowers are a gift given by Betty Sylva in memory of Dennis M. Sylva.



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FELLOWSHIP

Morning coffee and tea are now served.
You are invited upstairs to Laros Hall to share in this time of fellowship.

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**You are invited to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home with you
to share with another member of your family, or with a friend.**

We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. There are some things in our social system to which all of us ought to be maladjusted. Hatred and bitterness can never cure the disease of fear, only love can do that. We must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love. Before it is too late, we must narrow the gaping chasm between our proclamations of peace and our lowly deeds which precipitate and perpetuate war. One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek but a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means. We shall hew out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope. (*Martin Luther King, Jr.*)

Souper Bowl Sale

Sunday, February 2 after worship

24 oz/\$6

32 oz/\$8

Soup Donations Needed!
Sign up by Wednesday, January 29
on the bulletin board by the nave.



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15 oz mugs for \$10.



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See Kathy Remy to sign up.

