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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Hymns & Variations

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Greeting

God is good.
All the time.
 And all the time.
God is good.

Call To Worship

People of God, look around. Here in this place we come face to face with the people of this church community,

the Body of Christ alive and active in the world.

Here we meet God face to face

in the telling of the stories of our faith,

in recalling the deeds of the community of saints,

in the sacrament of bread and wine,

in confession offered and forgiveness granted. Here as the spirit dances around and within us

we encounter God as the word made flesh and we are held in grace.

Come, let us worship God.

*Hymn #401 Here In This Place

**1. Here in this place the new light is streaming;
 now is the darkness vanished away;
 see in this space our fears and our dreamings
 brought here to you in the light of this day.
 Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
 gather us in, the blind and the lame;
 call to us now, and we shall awaken;
 we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**2. We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
 We are the old who yearn for your face.
 We have been sung throughout all of history,
 called to be light to the whole human race.
 Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
 gather us in, the proud and the strong;
 give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
 give us the courage to enter the song.**

**3. Here we will take the wine and the water;
 here we will take the bread of new birth.
 Here you shall call your sons and your
 daughters,
 call us anew to be salt for the earth.
 Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
 give us to eat the bread that is you;
 nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
 lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
 not in some heaven, light years away:
 here in this place the new light is shining;
 now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
 Gather us in and hold us forever;
 gather us in and make us your own;
 gather us in, all peoples together,
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

*Call to Confession

***Confession of Sin**

God of steadfast love, some days are not easy, and we do not always find our way to you. We can struggle with much of the injustice and callous accounting we see in the world, and we wrestle with how we might intercede in compassionate and meaningful ways. We can be caught in the grip of despair, anxious and hurting, unable to find a place of rest and peace. We are tricked into false moves by devious people with insincere words and promises. We tussle with our neighbors and allow petty arguments and misdemeanors to take more energy and commitment than they deserve, and we grapple with knowing what our faith should look like as it is lived out in the world. At times we feel pinned to the ground and hopeless to do anything, and we release our hold on the things that are life giving, and grasp on to the things that are destructive and toxic. We give in to fear and exhaustion as we strain to understand the all-encompassing nature of your kindness. We lose strength, and let go of you. Forgive us. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you. (A sign of peace is exchanged.)

***Response: Hymn #441 Hear The Good News**

1. Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

1. Wotnin waste nahon po,
Jesus he waihduzna:
towaosida kin tanka,
he dehan iyomahi.
Jesus Christ wastewadaka,
Jesus Christ nimayan: han,
wastewadake amatonwe
is eya wastemada.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**Prayer for Illumination**

First reading: Matthew 14:13-21

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The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Children's Chat

Rita Boyer

Second reading: Genesis 32:22-31

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Sermon

“Wrestling”

Rev. Dr. Rick Boyer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #517 Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face To Face**

**1. Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
Here would we touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all our weariness upon you lean.**

**2. Here would we feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal cup of heaven;
here would we lay aside each earthly load,
and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**

**3. This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for us spread.
Here let us feast and, feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.**

**4. Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still our shield and sun.**

**5. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.**

Affirmation of Faith -Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Musical Offering

You are My Refuge
Judi Gajary, solo

Shannon Wexelberg

***Praise God (Hymn #608)**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

Response #559

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Response #560

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Response #561

Amen, amen, 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Music

Take Our Bread
Judi Gajary, solo

Joseph Wise

Prayer after Communion

Spirit of life, thank you for meeting us here; thank you for providing all that we need. Use the gifts we have received to give us strength, to fill us with courage, and to set us our hearts on fire to share your good news. Amen.

SENDING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Sending the Church into Mission

The Mission of Prospect Church

To be a family in Christ reaching out to all with love, prayer, and service. Through worship, education, mission, and fellowship, we experience God's love, forgiveness, grace, and call.

Hymn #846 Fight The Good Fight

**1. Fight the good fight with all thy might.
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.**

**2. Run the straight race through God's
good grace;
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**3. Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.
God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**4. Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.
God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.**

***Benediction and Congregational Response**

Hymn #372 v 3

**3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

Postlude