

✠ HYMN

CH #600

"Jesu, Jesu"

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF OFFERING

✠ DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HOLY COMMUNION

[SEE INSERT]

✠ HYMN

CH #484

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

✠ BENEDICTION/BLESSING

Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship this day.** *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*
- ✓ **Our Liturgist today is Teresa Aspen.**
- ✓ **Holy Communion is celebrated this day.** All are invited to participate, including children who are being instructed to its meaning by their parents.
- ✓ **Worship resources** this day are from The Book of Common Worship, 1995.

Please pray:

- **For our Colleges and Seminaries:** Enlighten and train up our men and women seeking service in the Church as ministers and theologians. Amen.
- **All those who are ill or homebound or in care facilities.**
- **For others in our lives, especially:** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders.

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“✠” *Invites all to stand in body or in spirit*

WELCOME
RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

What shall we return to the Lord
for all the good things God has done for us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised.

✠ OPENING PRAYER

✠ HYMN

CH #66

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and always shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

R: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

✠ A STATEMENT OF FAITH FROM THE SCRIPTURES

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:**

**that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

*[from: 1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:9 (16:1-9);
Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28]*

Holy Communion

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.

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Prayer After Communion

Loving God,

**you have given us a share in the one bread
and the one cup**

and made us one with Christ.

**Help us to bring your salvation and joy
to all the world. We ask this through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**



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