

Sunday, October 3rd

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: As we gather around the Word, font, and table,

People: we pray for the faith of children.

Leader: We pray for trust, humility, and kindness.

People: We pray for wonder, imagination, and creativity.

Leader: Let the little children come to me, Jesus said,

People: for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

***Hymn # 20 – All Things Bright and Beautiful**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

United in your love, O God, we are one body across the globe. We are branches of one family whose roots run in the waters of grace. Still, O Lord, we do not act like one body. We find ways to distance ourselves with more than miles. We find ways to divide ourselves into endless groups of “us” and “them.” Again and again, you call us back to the waters; again and again, we turn away. Forgive us, uniting God, and by your forgiveness, challenge us to tend to each other’s wounds. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 2:18-24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Created for Community

Affirmation of Faith: The 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; 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.

Special Music

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your heart.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People

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 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.

The Sharing of the Meal

Prayer After Communion

O God, we give you thanks

for uniting us as the Body of Christ

and for filling us with joy at this table.

Lead us toward the unity of your church,

And help us treasure signs of reconciliation.

Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for us,

May we one day feast together in your heavenly city.

Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

Ever one God, world without end. Amen.

***Hymn # 515 – I Come with Joy**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 – Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude