### Welcome and Announcements

## \*Call to Worship

GIVE+Church

Leader: Come, listen to the One **People: who speaks and summons the earth,** from the rising of the sun to its setting. Leader: Come, see the One **People: who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.** Leader: Come, bring thanksgiving to the One **People: who shows the salvation of God.** 

\*Hymn # 301 – Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

**Call to Confession** 

## **Prayer of Confession**

God of Hope and Promise, we confess we do not always believe. We confess our questions and complaints catch up to us. We cannot understand our suffering and the suffering of others. Forgive us when we give up on you and ourselves. Return and restore us to right relationship. Help us to not disengage but remain steadfast in faithful dialogues of grace. 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 15:1-6 Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon: A Lost Dream

Affirmation of Faith: The Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

**Special Music** 

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** 

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

\*Hymn # 547 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> \*Charge and Benediction

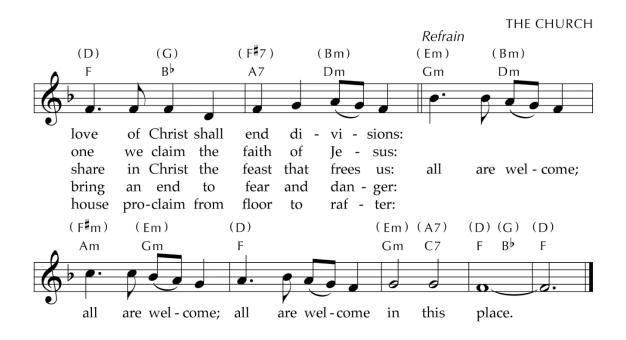
# \*Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 – Doxology

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



Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.





Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

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