

**PRE-SERVICE SONGS**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Happy Mother's Day!**

**INVOCATION**

**P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**      *Psalm 146:1–2, 5, 10*

**P: Praise the LORD!**

**C: Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

**P: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**C: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

**P: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,**

**C: whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

**P: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.**

**C: Praise the LORD!**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P: As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.**

**P: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.**

**C: Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity.**

**Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins,**

and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

**P: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

### **SONG OF PRAISE "Brothers and Sisters in Christ"**

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**Sing alleluia! Amen! Let Your prayers and praises ascend.  
Lift up your voices and sing To our Lord God, and Savior and King!  
Here brought together by grace, We are gathered as friends in this place.**

**Chorus:**

**And assembled as one, in the name of the Son.  
Lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,  
And proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford,  
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**Man walked alone and in need, Without faith, hope or promise or creed,  
Wandering aimlessly lost, Unaware of the staggering cost,  
That God in His mercy would save, All His people from death and the grave... (chorus)**

**Lord, teach us how to proclaim, All Your goodness, Your love and Your name.  
Lord, teach us how to forgive, And in love teach us Lord, how to live,  
Raising our voices in song, Help us tell all the world we belong. (chorus)**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P: Let us pray.  
Risen and ascended Lord, while we were still in our sins, You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another and to go out into the world to bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING**     *Acts 10:34–48*     (People from every nation are accepted by God.)

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

**L:**     This is the Word of the Lord.     **C:**     Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE**     *1 John 5:1–8* (The victory of Christ overcomes the world.)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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**VERSE *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6***

**L: Alleluia! Christ has risen from the dead.**

**God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

**C: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;**

**He has put all things under His feet. Alleluia!**

**HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:9–17* (Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love)**

**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.**

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.**

**"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.**

**P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN No. 900 "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"**

**Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Name all other names above,  
Unto which must ev'ry knee Bow in deep humility.**

**Jesus! Name decreed of old, To the maiden mother told,  
Kneeling in her lowly cell, By the angel Gabriel.**

**Jesus! Name of priceless worth To the fallen of the earth  
For the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall His people save."**

Jesus! Name of mercy mild, Given to the holy Child  
When the cup of human woe First He tasted here below.

Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n  
Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.

Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above;  
Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

SERMON "Born of God" 1 John 5:1-8 Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

ALL: 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 Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**LORD'S PRAYER**                    *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**All:** 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 and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

**BLESSING OF THE LORD**    *Numbers 6:24–26*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.  
**C:** Amen.

**HYMN No. 895**            *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers’ arms Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav’n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

**SENDING**

**P:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**C:** Thanks be to God!

