

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PFACE

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

OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

ELW 532

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Lord God, King of Creation,

open our eyes to see Your presence, our souls to sense Your presence, and our hearts to love Your presence, ever here in your creation, and ever beyond it in eternity. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"I Come with Joy"

ELW 482

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A READING FROM GENESIS 1:26-28(THE MESSAGE)

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature

So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself,

and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

God created human beings;

he created them godlike,

Reflecting God's nature.

He created them male and female.

God blessed them:

"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!

Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,

for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

REFLECTION

SONG OF THE DAY

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

ELW 756

OFFERING PRAYER

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray...

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Forgive, us we pray, for those times we have squandered with aimless disregard our capacity to create, and for those times we have used our creativity as a force for destruction rather than

reparation. Help us truly to live in appreciative awe of the creativity that you have planted within. Give us the patience and courage to nourish that creativity, and the strength and persistence to express it. In Christ's name we pray, **Amen!**

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW 881

SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.

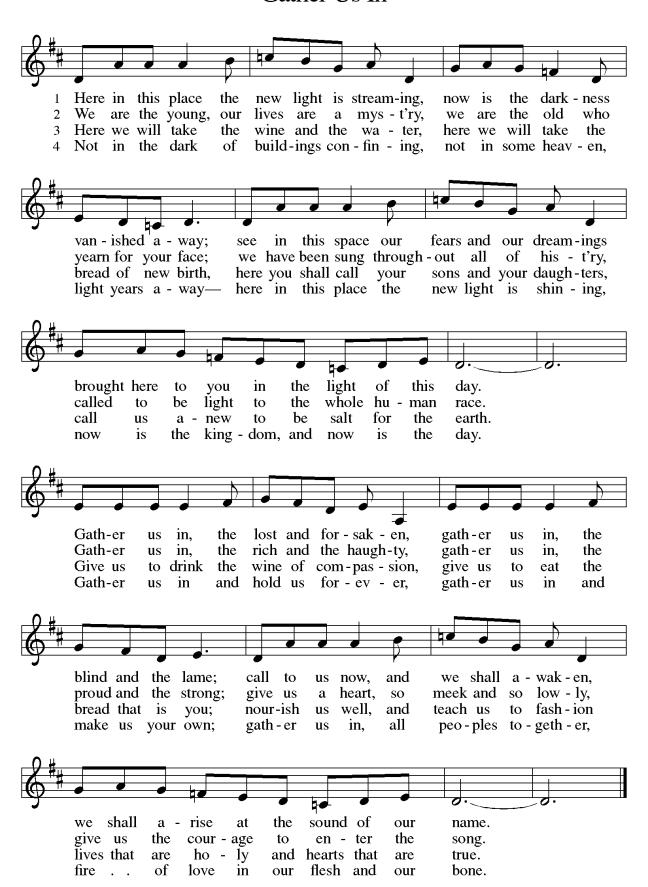
POSTLUDE

We look forward to you and/or your family joining us:

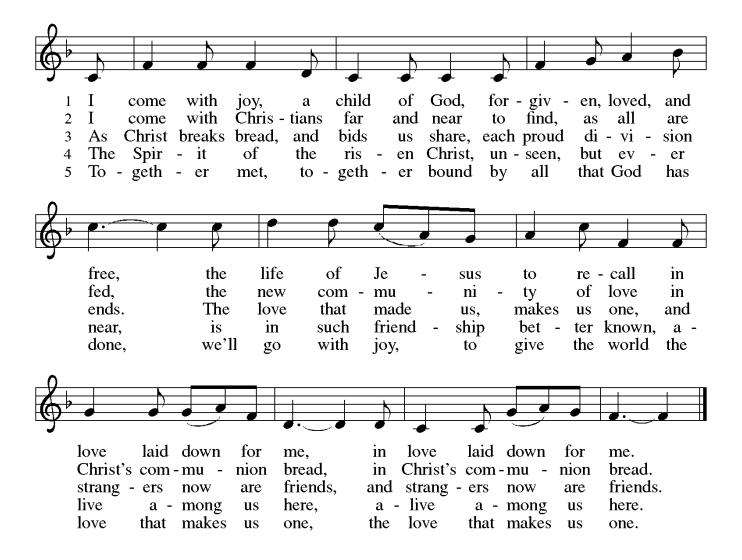
Sunday, October 13 8am & 10am Worship

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Gather Us In



I Come with Joy



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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Eternal Father, Strong to Save



Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Let All Things Now Living



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray...

Thank You, Lord, for the open doors of the Church. Thank You for the exuberant little ones, for the faithful retired attendees. Thank You for the piano playing, the guitar tuning up, the voices of all ranges reaching the roofs. Thank You for all who lead us in Worship. Thank You for Your Word remaining the same all over the world. Thank You for the body coming alongside us. Thank You for loving us through the Church. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, as we are made in Your image, we give You thanks for the seed of creativity You planted within each person. We praise the clean lines of the sculpture, the complexity of the concerto, the beauty of the poet's words. Grant us, we pray, the capacity to appreciate creativity where we don't always notice it. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, today we lift up to you all who are hurting in mind, body, or Spirit. We pray especially for *JoAnn, Heather, Betty, Florence, Bob, Myrna, Jim and Mark*. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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