

Service of Worship with Holy Communion on Monday, May 2, 2022

Welcome

Greeting God is good **all the time**. All the time **God is good**.

Question of the Day When is the city-wide rummage sale?

a) May 5 b) May 6 c) May 7 d) May 8

***Hymn** “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

***Call to Worship**

Sing praises to God! Give thanks to God’s holy name!

Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day!

Thank God for healing and ever-present help.

Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

Give thanks to God who turns our mourning into dancing.

Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

Thanks be to God!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Light of Heaven, surprise us with a presence we cannot avoid, a summons we dare not evade, a mission we may not escape. We are gathered by the love of Christ, that we may feed others as we have been fed, to love as we have been loved. Amen.

Psalm 30 #762 UMH *We will use the sung response and read responsively.*

John 21:1-19 The Message

After this, Jesus appeared again to the disciples, this time at the Tiberias Sea (the Sea of Galilee). This is how he did it: Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed “Twin”), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter announced, “I’m going fishing.”

The rest of them replied, “We’re going with you.” They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn’t recognize him.

Jesus spoke to them: “Good morning!” Did you catch anything for breakfast?”

They answered, “No.”

He said, “Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens.”

They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren’t strong enough to pull it in.

Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Master!”

When Simon Peter realized that it was the Master, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and dove into the sea. The other disciples came in by boat for they weren’t far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it.

Jesus said, “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught.” Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore – 153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn’t rip.

Jesus said, “Breakfast is ready.” Not one of the disciples dared ask, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Master.

Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead.

After breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Master, you know I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

He then asked a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Master, you know I love you."

Jesus said, "Shepherd my sheep."

Then he said a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was upset that he asked for the third time, "Do you love me?" so he answered, "Master, you know everything there is to know. You've got to know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. I'm telling you the very truth now: When you were young you dressed yourself and went wherever you wished, but when you get old you'll have to stretch out your hands while someone else dresses you and takes you where you don't want to go." He said this to hint at the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. And then he commanded, "Follow me."

Response: *The Word of God, for the people of God! Thanks be to God!*

Hymn "The Spirit Song"

Time of Prayer

How Is It With Your Soul?

Call to Confession

When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit, and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. (Time of Silent Prayer)

Assurance

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

Answer to the Question of the Day

Time of Offering *Thank you to everyone for your faithful generosity.*

Offering Prayer

We bring our offerings to feed your lambs and tend your sheep, gracious God. May these gifts extend your love to all who need food and healing, hope and peace. Keep us focused on what is important, that we may work together to make a difference in the world. Amen.

Song of Offering "My Gratitude Now Accept, O God"

Message "A Moment of Anger. A Lifetime of Favor." Rev. Joyce Rich

Holy Communion *Have your bread and cup ready.*

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving *Using Musical Setting #2257-a to -d FWS*

We begin our prayer by singing the Preface. **Sing #2257-a**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. . . . And so, with all your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your holy name and join in singing the Sanctus. *Sing #2257-b*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. . . . And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith in the Memorial Acclamation. *Sing #2257-c*

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. . . . Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Join together in the Great Amen. *Sing #2257-d*

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray together:

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 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. Amen.

Sharing of the Elements

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Prayer After Receiving

God of love, who raised Christ from the dead to reign in power, we honor and bless you, even as we seek wisdom to follow where Christ leads. May your favor rest upon us, your joy fill our lives, your love motivate all we do. Make us instruments of good news who carry your name to others and share your blessing with delight. Amen.

***Commission and Blessing**

Jesus calls us to feed his lambs and tend his sheep.

Let us show and share his love through the offering of our lives.

We will follow Jesus and share his love.

Amen. **And Amen.**

***Hymn "In Remembrance of Me"**

Announcements

Readings For Next Week: Acts 9:36-43; Revelation 7:9-17

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