



Holy Communion

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 71.1-6)

Leader: In you, O Love, I take refuge;

All: deliver me and rescue me; listen to me and save me.

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge,

All: for you are my rock and my fortress.

Leader: For you, O Holy One, are my hope, my trust.

All: My praise is continually of you.

HYMN

God of Love and God of Power

UMH #578

OPENING PRAYER

God of love, our tradition both assures us and challenges us. Open our hearts to receive your peace and to hear your nudging. Shape us by the power of your word. We pray in the name and the company of Jesus, our loving prod and our living comforter. Amen.

THE BASKET

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:21-30

He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips. They said, "This is Joseph's son, isn't it?"

Then Jesus said to them, "Undoubtedly, you will quote this saying to me: 'Doctor, heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we've heard you did in Capernaum.'" He said, "I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet's hometown. And I can assure you that there were many widows in Israel during Elijah's time, when it didn't rain for three and a half years and there was a great food shortage in the land. Yet Elijah was sent to none of them but only to a widow in the city of Zarephath in the region of Sidon. There were also many persons with skin diseases in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha, but none of them were cleansed. Instead, Naaman the Syrian was cleansed."

When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was filled with anger. They rose up and ran him out of town. They led him to the crest of the hill on which their town

had been built so that they could throw him off the cliff. But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

MESSAGE

Proclaiming God's Love For All

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

PRAYER OF CONFESSION based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Pastor Ninabeth: God of love, we confess the fragility of our love.

Leader: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

ALL: We confess those times when as have been impatient, unkind, arrogant or rude. We confess the times we have been irritable or resentful, or have insisted on our own way. Our love is imperfect. Forgive our sin, heal our hearts, and renew in us your perfect love.

Silent reflection...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

I gladly affirm to you that by the grace we know in Christ Jesus, God forgives all your sin entirely, and sets you free to love deeply, by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

***Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2***

***And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2***

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.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Compassionate God, who sees beyond our boundaries and loves without limit, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts. Use them to proclaim your good news, heal the broken, and extend your love to all, especially those we struggle to accept. Transform our gifts into a beacon of hope and inclusion that reflects the boundless love of Christ in every corner of our community. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We are here because Jesus has called us – strangers and friends, locals and visitors,
believers and doubters, the certain and the curious.
It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to his table where,
in bread and wine, he meets us and through him we, who are different,
are joined to each other.
So come, not because you understand, but because you are understood.
Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you.
Come, not because you deserve a place,
but because Jesus invites you, just as you are.

COMMUNION SETTING *please see Communion Setting in Pews*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Ninabeth: The Lord be with you

All: And also, with you

Pastor Ninabeth: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor Ninabeth: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* **CLOSING HYMN**

How Firm a Foundation

UMH #529

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Economy of Jesus Week 3 – Fill My Wounds With Healing

In Jesus's inaugural sermon to his hometown friends and family He announces that his purpose is to extend God's love and grace and healing to everyone. At first his friends and family nod and agree. Love is patient and kind, ... it bears, believes, hopes, endures all things! Yes, love comes to save us from being wounded. But love also rejoices in the truth. And it is the truth that makes them mad. Jesus speaks the truth so clearly to them that they want to kill him. Sometimes love wounds in order that we might know healing.

The Good News is both a healing balm as well as an agitation for change.

When has someone told you a truth so clearly that you wanted to hurt them?

How do you keep your heart and mind open to hear and act on new revelations of God's love for the world?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS February 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 3rd – 9th

Monday February 3rd

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday February 4th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Climate Café in the French chapel

Wednesday February 5th

Bible Study @ 12pm in the pastor's office BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday February 6th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Christian Meditation in the French Chapel

Friday February 7th

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

First Friday @12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Sunday February 9th

Worship @ 10am

Administrative Council after Worship

Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal after service @ 11:15am



Jubilation Ringers

Rehearsal today 2/3 at 11:15!



First Friday News

The First Friday Fellowship group will meet at noon on February 7. Please BYO lunch and beverage. Dessert will be provided by Susan Whitty. We will be writing valentines and playing some February- themed games. All are welcome to join this friendly group, where we grow in love with one another through shared stories, projects, and experiences.



New Community Garden

As the temperatures are in the single digits, we start to hope for warmer weather. Spring will be here before we know it!

A season of growth and new beginnings, and a new garden!

We would like to start a **community garden** on our church property! We are looking for folks interested in planning, building, planting and any other ideas you have to offer. We would like to call it “**The Garden of Eatin’**”

If you are ready, willing and able to help, please email Pastor Ninabeth at pastorninabeth@gmail.com.

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