

5.5.19

Worship at The WELL

Gathering Music

Greeting from The Band and Each Other

Song for All "Everyday"

Announcements & Community Connections

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Pad as it is passed.

Giving our Gifts

Song for all "Taste and See"

Affirming Our Faith—Creed inspired by our 8th grade confirmands (see insert)

Hearing of the Gospel John 12: 24-26 (Message Version)

Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal. If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you'll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment's notice. The Father will honor and reward anyone who serves me.

The Resurrection Shaped Life

The Message "Turning Suffering & Setbacks into Acts of Service"

Prayer Station

Today's prayer station is sharing in the Lord's Supper, or what the Church calls The Great Thanksgiving (see insert)

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Focus Song "You Raise Me Up"

Verse 1

*When I am down and oh my soul's so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit a while with me*

Chorus

*You raise me up
So I can stand on mountains
You raise me up
To walk on stormy seas
I am strong when I am on Your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be*

Verse 2

*There is no life no life without its hunger
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly
But when You come and I am filled with wonder*

Prayer for All Us Sinners and Saints

Song for All "He Reigns"

Blessing

Parting Music

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

ALL: Praise the Lord.

One: When the time was right,
God sent Jesus to be among us.
Born into this life,
seeing Your grace revealed in all things,
he laughed with those who laughed,
and mourned with those who mourned.

Through Your love, he healed the sick,
he welcomed the outcast,
he challenged those in power,
and the structures that kept them there.

ALL: And he called us back to Your love.

One: In the power of the Holy Spirit,
the Christ laughs and cries,
heals and welcomes,
challenges and loves,
again and again and again.

We have been told that,
on the night before he was taken
to be tortured to death on a cross,
Jesus sat with his disciples,
and ate with them, in a meal of remembrance.

Jesus took a loaf of bread,
asked Your blessing upon it, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples saying:

**ALL: "Take this – all of you – and eat it.
This is me. My Body. Given for you."**

Each time you eat it, remember me."

One: Close to the meal's end,
he took a cup filled with wine,
asked Your blessing upon it,
and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take this – all of you – and drink it.
This is me. This is my promise in my life's blood -
poured out for you and for the world."

**ALL: Each time you drink it, remember me.
So we, his disciples,
eat bread and drink from the cup – and remember.**

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (*Creed inspired by our 8th grade confirmands*)

Confirmands: We declare our faith today, as well as we know it. And here is what we know –

Pastor: God is Creator, the patient Creator of all that is. The master painter always adding to the masterpiece. Light and dark, color and shadow, seen and unseen. God does not control every detail, but means for all Creation to be good and fit together.

Men/Boys: God is in Christ, the one we call Jesus. He walked among us, felt what we feel, but he is so much more. He came as the One who saves, to show us a better way. Christ is strong but not aggressive. Truth-telling but not arrogant. A tough coach but not mean. His willingness to die for Love is a reminder of the beautiful life we are given, worth protecting each other. Grace wins, so we are to take nothing for granted, but dare to love his way.

Women/Girls: God is also Holy Spirit, giving me confidence to be who God wants me to be. The Spirit is the better voice to listen to, rather than the chatter of just me. The Spirit guides in ways we barely understand, but always steering us toward Love & right relationships. The Spirit is a bridge-builder, making a way where there was no way - between enemies & friends & churches & nations. With so much darkness around, Holy Spirit shines a way like a big ole' ball of Light.

Confirmands: God works through many groups of people, and especially that group called the Church. It is not perfect, but God seems to show up there a lot. We find guidance there for things we might not be able to handle on our own, to love this world in big ways we might not pull off on our own. The Church is old but it is new, every week a new piece of the story, learning how to let God in. Church is like school for our souls. It is the place where I learn to see vividly that God is here for others as much as for me. God is love; what more can we say!