10am Sunday Service (O3) 23 February 2025 Partnership in Serving

Welcome (Christine lead, Stuart music)

Call to Worship

Come before the Lord with joyful songs, because he is good, because he is generous, because we lack nothing. Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Serve the Lord with gladness, because of his greatness and justice, because he puts an end to war, and to all forms of violence. Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Come before the Lord with joy

because he is faithful to his promises, because his Word is eternal. Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Know that the Lord is God, and we are his people, his community, his family. Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

It is he who has made us to the praise of his name, and therefore today, in the same spirit, we have a festival to celebrate his peace. Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Song: Hear Our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing May our streets be filled with joy May injustice bow to Jesus As the people turn and pray From the mountain to the valley Hear our praises rise to You From the heavens to the nations Hear our singing fill the air

May our light shine in the darkness As we walk before the cross May Your glory fill the whole earth As the water over the seas

Chorus (twice)

Bridge (twice) Hallelujah hallelujah Hallelujah hallelujah

Chorus (twice)

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Song: What A Beautiful Name It Is

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a wonderful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You The veil tore before You You silence the boast of sin and grave The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again You have no rival You have no equal Now and forever God You reign Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus

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Song: God is an action man

He is an action man Living out God's plan Do do do do do do do do do He is an action man

Living out God's plan He had the courage to stand up against what was wrong To rescue the lost and invite them along To be living out God's plan He is an action man Do do do do do do do do do

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Prayer for Children (Christine)

Bible Reading: Joshua 24:14-15 (Ingrid)

¹⁴ "Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Bible Reading: Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him.^[a] ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's^[b] feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell

her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one.^[C] Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Message (Ash)

Offering Song: May The Mind Of Christ

May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day, by His love and power controlling all I do and say, all I do and say

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through His power, only through His power

May the peace of God my Father, rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing, sick and sorrowing

May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea; Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory, this is victory

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus, as I onward go, as I onward go

May His beauty rest upon me, as I seek the lost to win, And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him, seeing only Him

Offering Prayer

Lord, you are the bread of heaven, giving life to the world. You fill our emptiness with your goodness. You come to our weakness with your strength. Take and use these gifts to bring in a rich harvest of your heavenly food and life-giving refreshment.

The Confession

Heavenly Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love, But we have broken your holy laws And have left undone what we ought to have done. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, Forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God is slow to anger and full of compassion, Forgiving all who humbly repent And trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord God therefore forgives us in Christ Jesus, In whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

Prayers for the Church and our World (Sue)

The Lord's Prayer Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil For the kingdom, the power and the glory Are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (Sue with Karin and Christine) The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power for you created all things, making us in your own image. We praise you for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and rising to new life offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, saying, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

And now, gracious God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine, and pray that we who receive them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, according to our Saviour's word, in remembrance of his suffering and death, may share his body and blood. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

We eat this bread and drink this cup to proclaim the death of the Lord.

We do this until he returns. Come, Lord Jesus!

Father, as we recall his saving death and glorious resurrection, may we who share these gifts be renewed by your Holy Spirit and united in the body of your Son. Bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom, there to feast at your table and join in your eternal praise: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive praise and honour and glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body. For we all share in the one bread

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Sending out of God's People

Gracious God, thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love, and that we are living members of Christ's body.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

Notices (Sue)

Song: This is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness Whose love is mighty and so much stronger The King of Glory the King above all kings Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace This is unfailing love That You would take my place That You would bear my cross You laid down Your life That I would be set free Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order Who makes the orphan a son and daughter The King of Glory the King of Glory Who rules the nations with truth and justice Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance The King of Glory the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy worthy worthy

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