

SERVICE of HOLY COMMUNION
INVITATION
COMMUNION PRAYER
WORDS of INSTITUTION
CONSECRATION of the ELEMENTS
SHARING of the ELEMENTS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

We marvel, O God, that you love us before we love you. By your Spirit, help us to do unto others as you have done unto us; feeding others as you have first fed us; blessing others as you have first blessed us; giving to others as you have first given to us. Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

*CLOSING HYMN "In The Cross of Christ I Glory" # 207

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(All who are able please stand when noted.*

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“What Large Letters”



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

9:00 am

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Call upon the Lord! I asked for help and I was healed!

People: We asked for freedom, and we were given liberty beyond measure! Praise God!

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks to God's holy name.

People: God turned our mourning into dancing! The Great Tailor took away the sackcloth and dressed us up in celebration! Our hearts sing without ceasing! O Lord our God, we will always give you thanks!

*INVOCATION (in unison)

O God, you send us out into the world as your disciples. Allow the church to be a healing presence, a place and a people that live out the essence of your kingdom, here and now; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story" # 480 (1,3)

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we walk from darkness into the light we can see ourselves as we really are. We see the spots of sin more clearly, and we realize that we need God's healing and redemption. Come and confess your sins to God, and wade into the river of the Healer's mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, you have caught us in our sinful behavior. We come to you with the hope of your restoration. We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens. We are even blind to our own! We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us. We even keep our actions silenced as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world that we do nothing to overcome them. Fill us with your

peace and with your mercy. Free us from the destruction of sin and restore us to a life lived in you. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Peace! Peace is what you receive from God when you know that your sins are forgiven. Peace is what you have when you know that the destruction of sin cannot harm you, because you are not alone in your journey of life. Therefore, peace, my sisters and brothers! In Jesus we have received forgiveness, and we have been restored! **Thanks be to God!**

CONTEMPORARY SON "Blessed Be Your Name"

SCRIPTURE Galatians 6: 7-16 (*NRSV*) Pastor Mary

SERMON "What Large Letters" Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for the Lord has given us all that we have, and in gratitude, we respond with our offerings.

OFFERTORY "You Have Saved Us"
(Baloche & Gowell)

*RESPONSE "Doxology" # 621

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

In you, O God, we take refuge. You are the source of all our hope, the font of all wisdom. You created the world and feed it daily. You cradle your people in safety. You call your creatures everywhere to grow and live according to your purposes. You sent us your Son to give life and vision. You guard us with your Holy Spirit even in the midst of those who would destroy what you have made. Let these gifts be signs of your creative hand in the places where there is need. Bless the work of your people. We ask this in the name of the one who knows us through and through—Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" #425