



OPENING SENTENCES

One: In the beginning, God spoke and creation unfolded.

All: We marvel at the beauty and diversity of the world around us.

WELCOME

PRELUDE - For the Beauty of the Earth by Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship the God who creates, sustains, and grants us rest.

All: We come to find renewal in the presence of our Creator.

One: God's Spirit hovered over the waters, breathing life into every living creature.

All: We long for the breath of God to renew our weary souls.

One: With Jesus as our Teacher, let us worship the holy trinity!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ **HYMN #1** - Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

+ **CALL TO CONFESSION**

+ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creator of all things, we come before you with contrite hearts, acknowledging the ways in which we have failed as stewards of your creation. We have neglected the sacred balance of rest and renewal, both for ourselves and for the world around us. We have allowed the busyness of our lives to overshadow the need for Sabbath rest. In our pursuit of productivity, we have forgotten that you, O God, invite us to rest and find restoration in your presence. Grant us the courage and wisdom to work towards a world where rest is valued, creation is cherished, and all people can flourish. Remind us of your love as we confess our personal sins silently to you now. (moment of silent confession)

+ **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

+ **RESPONSE #582**

Glory to God, who goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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SHARING THE FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

(The nursery is available upstairs, but children are welcome to remain in the worship service.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION - Kathryn Marino

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 8 (p. 492 O.T. Pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING - Genesis 1:1-2:4a (p. 1 O.T. Pew Bible)

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SERMON - Rev. John Kupar

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he
descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+ HYMN #393 - O Day of Rest and Gladness

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Deacon Barb Kuhn

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(June EACM pantry needs: baby wipes, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, cereal, jelly, spaghetti sauce, dried beans.)

OFFERTORY - Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist by Dietrich Buxtehude

+ DOXOLOGY

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**



+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

One: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

**All: They will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at the
table in the kingdom of God.**

One: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, He took
the bread, and blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them

All: And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

One: This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all who trust in him to share the feast
which he has prepared.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS/DEBTORS)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

(Hymn #565)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty...

...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen:

(Hymn #566)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, who taught us to pray:

**All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding.

The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy,
but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.)

MUSIC - Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Arranged by Albin C. Whitworth

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

**All: Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the
sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence
of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your
Spirit to tell the good news to the world. Amen.**

+ HYMN #23 - God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

+ CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE - Minuet from *Samson* by G. F. Handel

Rev. Tara Reck is on sabbatical through August. To respect her time of rest and renewal, please refrain from contacting her. If you would normally contact her for pastoral care or any church-related matters during this time, contact John instead.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Like any gathering place, a church has a personality. Our historic building and beautiful sanctuary embody the spirit of tradition, yet our Sunday morning worship services are frequently punctuated by laughter. We are a proud member of PC (USA) and have been designated a Matthew 25 church with two foci: eradicating systemic poverty and dismantling structural racism. We have plentiful fellowship opportunities, classes for all ages, and outreach opportunities in which to participate. You can also find space here to recharge, linger in the depth of message and music, and connect with others who readily accept you and rejoice in varied opportunities to be the church together. There is a kind of space here into which all are invited to be themselves and to feel at home. Participate to the degree you feel comfortable.

Here is some information to help make you feel at home:

- An elevator is located outside the door on the lectern (right) side of the sanctuary.
- WIFI - Router Name: APC Wifi Password: apcSpirit
- Accessible restrooms are outside the door on the lectern (right) side, the main level below that (go left) and the lower level. Baby changing stations are available in the sanctuary level and lower level restrooms.
- Childcare is available upstairs in the nursery from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in the summer.
- Activity Bags for children are located on the pew in the back of the sanctuary.
- During the offering, we take a collection of goods for Eastern Area Community Ministries (EACM). Each month's most needed goods are printed under the offering section.

WAYS TO LEARN MORE

- Please visit www.anchoragepresbyterian.org for details about our ministries.
- We also have an active facebook page – www.facebook.com/anchoragepresbyterian
- If you would like to be added to our weekly emails, which have information about what is going on in the life of the church, you may do so:
<https://www.anchoragepresbyterian.org/subscribe-to-newsletter>
- If you have questions, a pastor will be happy to talk with you at your convenience. Simply call the church office at (502) 245-5818, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday-Thursday (Pastors take Friday as a sabbath).

Our Concerns: Faith Aeilts, Betty Jernigan, Leonard Yates, Darla Talbert, Kelsey Doughten, Jerry Taylor (friend of the Wethertons), Julie Matos (niece of Tom & Marsha Biven), Mike Martin (friend of the Wethertons), Jo Galloway, Ray Cashen (Larry Cashen's brother), Lionel & Ellie Hawse (friends of Larry Cashen), and Dodie McKenzie's mother.

