



Welcome

Prelude/Candle-lighting

“Plein Jeu”
(L.N. Clerambault)

Evelyn Rohrbach

Ringing of the Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching who long to the nourishment found at your feast.

All: Gather us in,

Leader: the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering who long for the company found at your feast.

All: Gather us in,

Leader: the proud and pretentious, the sure and superior, the never inferior, who long for the leveling found at your feast.

All: Gather us in,

Leader: the bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers, the kind laughter makers who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

All: Gather us in,

Leader: from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes, to meet, to eat, be given a seat, be joined to the vine, be offered new wine, become like the least, be found at the feast.

All: Gather us in!

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

“Gather Us In”

SoF #44

Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

from *Night*, by Eliezer Weizel and a New York Times article “Witness to Evil”

Connie Flug

Anthem	“Blessings” (Story/Sorenson)	Chancel Choir
Sermon	<i>God in Waldo’s Wicked World</i>	Rev. Sandee Kosmo
Transitional Music	“Gift of Finest Wheat” (R. Kreutz)	Evelyn Rohrbach
Prayers of the People		
Offertory	“How Beautiful” (L. Larson)	Evelyn Rohrbach

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Now we set aside the common for an uncommon purpose as we prepare for Holy Communion, the family meal of Christ’s people. In this meal, we remember the life, teaching, witness, and death of Jesus. We celebrate his continued life among us. We remind one another that we are called to participate in Jesus’ Way of extravagant welcome and service. Come prepared to be blessed. Come because God has food for you. Come because Jesus invites you...just as you are.

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to God.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Communion Hymn “Santo, Santo, Santo” SoF #110

Lord’s Prayer (paraphrase from Pendle Hill)
Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother, holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come; we pray that your good will be done; let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need; give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one to each one. Lead us to a holy innocence, beyond the evil of our days. Come swiftly, Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the mercy and the glory. Forever your name is all One. Amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Please join me in the words of institution over the bread:

All:

When he was among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you.”

The deacons will pass the bread through the congregation. As you take a piece of bread, hold it until everyone has been served. We will eat the bread together, recognizing that God calls us to life in community.

Please join me in the words of institution over the cup:

All:

In the same way Jesus took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, “This cup is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my life and my death. Take this—all of you—to remember me.”

The deacons will pass the wine and juice through the congregation. The juice is dark red; the wine is white. When you have helped yourself, you may drink right away in recognition of God’s relationship with each of us as individuals.

Distribution Hymn: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Prayer of Gratitude (in unison)

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people—we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people, because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So may we live to your glory. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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Benediction

Sung Benediction

God, be with you till we meet again;
By their counsels guide, uphold you;
With their sheep securely fold you;
God, be with you till we meet again.

The flowers are from Sue and Dave Halama celebrating their mothers, Roxanne Halama and Joelene Loew and their November birthdays.

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The Communion liturgy was adapted from elements in the following:

- *A Wee Worship Book*, Chicago: GIA Publications, 1999
- *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*, Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2017
- "Bread from the World: A World Communion Liturgy" written by Heather Prince Doss and posted on her website, www.heatherprinceddoss.com.

November Events

Sundays: Worship at 8:15 & 10am (in-person & hybrid)

Wednesdays: 4pm Kids' Club

6:30pm Bell Choir Practice

7:30pm Senior Choir Practice

Thursdays: 5-6pm Thursday's Table to-go

11/5: 3-6pm Quilt Tour (FH & Parlor)

11/8: 6:30pm Council Meeting (FH)

11/9: 6:30-8:30pm OWL

11/11: 10-11:30am, "Understanding Christian Nationalism" (Rm 1)

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11/20: Heritage Sunday

11/24-25: OFFICE CLOSED

11/30: 6:30-8:30pm OWL

Sunday, November 27th: Advent Begins

Advent is a beautiful time of candle-lighting, expectancy and hope. Join us this year as we once again mark the days and weeks as we wait for the birth of a special baby and the coming of the promised reign of peace.