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GATHERING

Prelude
You are invited to use this time to breathe, center, and write down any prayer requests you would like lifted up in worship today.

Welcome

Gathering/Land Acknowledgement
Created out of nothing,
We come here to be reminded of who we are.
Created for goodness,
We come with open hearts to be filled with everlasting love.
Created as a beloved child of God,
We come in celebration of the diversity of the body of Christ.
Created with a heart for celebrating the rich diversity of creation, we come trusting in the one who creates, redeems, and sustains us as we acknowledge and honor the Peoria, Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Kickapoo and Myaamia peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who continue to care for this place - this land - and call it their home.
As we live into the diversity that God has created, may we be bold to tell the whole story, for in knowing the truth of who we have been, we come to know more fully who we are called to be. Amen.

Gathering Song *ELW #835 All Creatures Worship God Most High! (v.1,2,6)*

Greeting

Hymn of Praise *Canticle of the Turning ELW 723*

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Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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Prayer of the Day – *(in unison)*

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LISTENING TO THE WORD

Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.
15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if
Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the
wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your
father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to Joseph: I beg you,
forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.'
Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your
father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also
wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But
Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even
though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to
preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I
myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured
them, speaking kindly to them.
Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Acclamation *WP #144 Thy Word is a Lamp*

HOLY GOSPEL

according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

21 Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against
me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to
him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 23 "For this
reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to
settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who
owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, 25 and, as he could not
pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children
and all his possessions and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his
knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you
everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him
and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came
upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing
him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 Then his fellow slave fell
down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay
you.' 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he
would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened,
they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all
that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You
wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with
me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy
on you?' 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he
would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one
of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

"The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ***

THE MESSAGE

Message Song

ELW #482 I Come With Joy

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response after each petition: ***Your mercy is great.***

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

MEAL

Offertory *ELW #692 We Are an Offering vs. 1*

Offering Prayer *(in unison)*

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Communion Music

ELW #721 Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil (Sung Twice)
ELW #777 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

Prayer after Communion *(in unison)*

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aaron's Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine down on you.
May the Lord's face shine down on you.
And be gracious to you.
And be gracious to you.
And give you peace.
And give you peace.

SENDING

Sending Song *ACS #1000 God's Work, Our Hands*

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Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God! Our service has just begun!

Postlude