

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Homecoming

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. September 20, 2026



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Welcome to St. Paul's!

We seek Christ and celebrate the mystery of God's love for all.

-Our Vision Statement-

We are progressive Christians in an open, inclusive, and affirming community of faith.

We provide a safe harbor for everyone on their spiritual journey.

We endeavor to bring God's presence to a world in need.

Newcomers and Guests: Please sign our guest book in the lobby where you entered and introduce yourselves. We would love to give you a thank you gift for praying with us and learn more about you.

Families with Children: We welcome people of any age who seek God's love and saving help.

The OK Corral is a good spot for small free-ranging kiddos.

Families are especially welcome to gather on the rug near the altar step, where you will also find children's activity bags. Quiet activities are available so kiddos can watch and learn while wiggling.



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

An Inclusive and Progressive Community of Faith

The Holy Eucharist

20 September 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Homecoming

Gather

Share

The Presider invites members and visitors to share important milestones of God's work in their lives, like birthdays, anniversaries, job changes, new family members.

Participate

A member of the clergy or an elected leader shares important news about how to participate in the fellowship and mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Acknowledge

Presider We begin by gratefully acknowledging the Native Peoples upon whose ancestral homeland we gather today. St. Paul's was built on the ancestral land of the Suquamish Nation. The Suquamish are known as the "People of the Clear Salt Water," and have lived in harmony with the lands and waterways along the Salish Sea for thousands of years.

People **We offer our respect to Elders past, present, and future.**

We Listen for God

Presider Silence is not the absence of noise. Take a moment to breathe in God's Holy Spirit and listen for the presence of Christ among us in every place we are.

The people observe a moment of silent reflection begun by the toning of the singing bowl and ended with the ringing of the Martinique Bell.

The Word of God

Opening Hymn: Gather Hymnal #852 "All Who Hunger"

1. All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly;
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers;
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er;

Ho - ly man - na is our bread. Come from wil - der -
 Seek - er, be a wel - come guest. Come from rest - less -
 Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li -

ness and wan - d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness,
 We that once were lost and scat - tered
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble

All a - round us is our food. Taste and see the
 In com - mun - ion's love have stood. Taste and see the
 Live their days in grat - i - tude. Taste and see the

grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Presider
People

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria (8 am)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

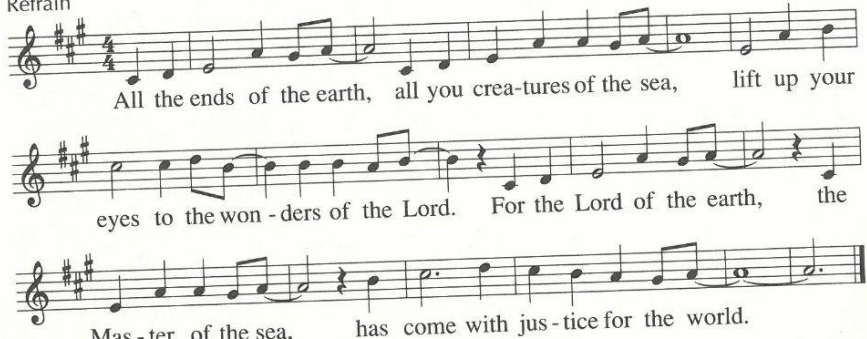
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

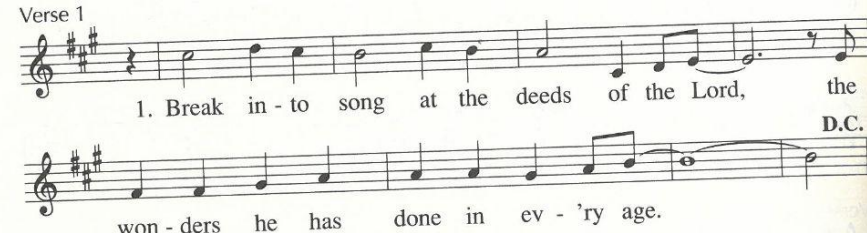
Gloria (10 am): Gather Hymnal #604 “All the Ends of the Earth” vv. 1-2

Refrain



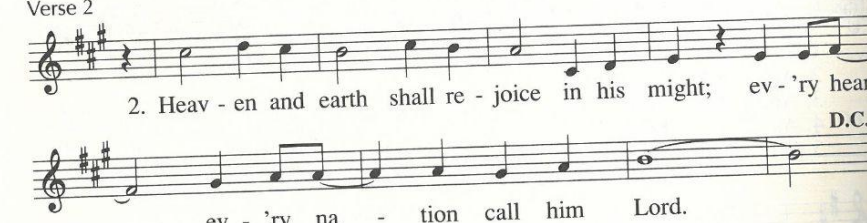
All the ends of the earth, all you crea-tures of the sea, lift up your
eyes to the won-ders of the Lord. For the Lord of the earth, the
Mas-ter of the sea, has come with jus-tice for the world.

Verse 1



1. Break in-to song at the deeds of the Lord, the
won-ders he has done in ev-'ry age. D.C.

Verse 2



2. Heav-en and earth shall re-joice in his might; ev-'ry heart,
ev-'ry na-tion call him Lord. D.C.

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The Collects

Presider

Let us pray together.

All

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt,

when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.**
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 **Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.**
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 **O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.**
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 **Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them.**
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 **They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 **For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant.**
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 **He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,**

45 That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

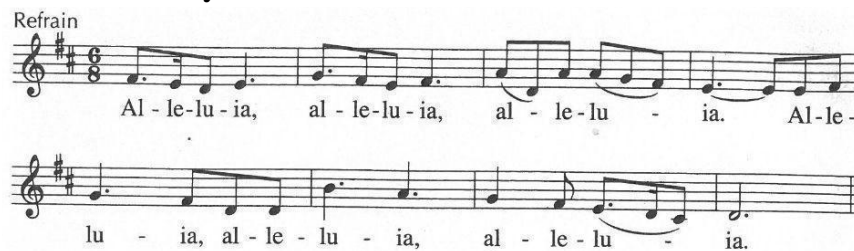
A Reading from the Book of Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #208 "Alleluia"



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Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 20:1-16** ❖❖❖

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily

wage? 'Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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Sermon: The Rev. Arienne Davison

Silence follows the sermon

The Nicene Creed *(from Holy Eucharist Rite Two: Expansive language)*

Presider Let us affirm our faith together.

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(from Form VI Prayers of the People, adapted for Expansive language)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Phil our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor and People Have mercy upon us, **most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Passing the Peace is an ancient practice where Christians recognize the holiness in one another before encountering Christ in the Eucharist. Members shake hands, hug, or bow to one another. The Peace comes to a close when the Presider bids the Offering.

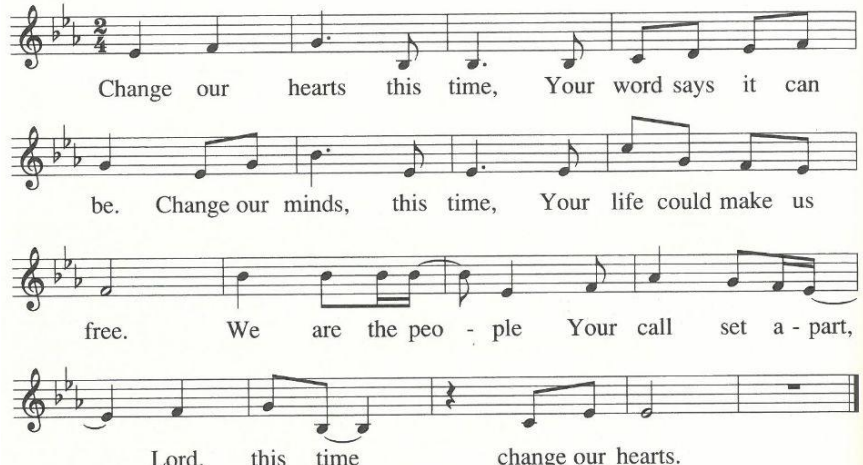
Presider
People

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: Gather Hymnal #493 "Change Our Hearts"

Refrain



Change our hearts this time, Your word says it can
be. Change our minds, this time, Your life could make us
free. We are the peo - ple Your call set a - part,
Lord, this time change our hearts.

Verses



1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams.
2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands,
3. Show us the way that leads to your side,
One foot in par - a - dise, one in the waste.
of - 'fring a - bun - dan - ces, full - ness of joy.
o - ver the moun - tains and sands of the soul.
Drawn by your prom - is - es, still we are
Your milk and hon - ey seem dis - tant, un -
Be for us man - na, wa - ter from
D.C.
lured by the shad - ows and the chains we leave be - hind. But
real, when we have bread and wa - ter in our hands. But
stone, 7 light which says we nev - er walk a - lone. And

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Presider

Everliving Creator, we forget that all we have comes from you. We offer you tokens of our labor to remind us that we are utterly dependent on you for our memory, hope, and very breath. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer 1979, Rite II Prayer C (Expansive Language)

The Presider and people pray back and forth. The people say bolded text together.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Spoken Sanctus: *(8am only)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus: Gather Hymnal #222 “Holy, Holy, Holy” *(10am only)*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Presider continues: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to

whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Members of the congregation who wish to do so may join hands during The Lord's Prayer.

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 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, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread *[The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.]*

Presider God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome at God's table.

Communion Hymn: Gather Hymnal #910 "Shepherd of Souls"

1. Shep-herd of souls, re-fresh and bless
2. We would not live by bread a-lone,
3. Be known to us in break-ing bread,
4. Lord, sup with us in love di-vine;

Your cho-sen pil-grim flock With man-na in the
But by your word of grace, In strength of which we
But do not then de-part; Sav-ior, a-bide with
Your Bod-y and your Blood, That liv-ing bread, that

wil-der-ness, With wa-ter from the rock.
trav-el on To our a-bid-ing place.
us, and spread Your ta-ble in our heart.
heav'n-ly wine, Be our im-mor-tal food.

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The Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori *(for those livestreaming from home):*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come

spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Presider In thanksgiving, let us pray.

People **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

The Presider commends the Eucharistic Visitor to visit a member of the congregation then says,

We who have received the gift of Christ,

People **Share our hope in the breaking of Bread.**

Blessing ✠

Presider May the God who created and sustains you keep you whole and holy. May Christ who walked among us, walk before us to our homecoming. And may the blessing of God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Gather Hymnal #633 “For the Beauty of the Earth”



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
 5. For your Church that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly
 6. For your - self, best Gift Di - vine, To this world so



of the skies, For the love which from our birth
 of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
 mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove;
 hands a - bove, Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore
 free - ly giv'n; Word In - car - nate, God's de - sign,



O - ver and a - round us lies:
 Sun and moon, and stars of light:
 Link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to
 For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:
 Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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The Great Beginning

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.
All Thanks be to God.

Altar Memorial

This Sunday's sanctuary candle was given by the Altar Guild.

Today's Ministry Team:

Presider: The Rev. Arienne Davison

Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete

Music Director: Colleen Shoemaker

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