

# Outdoor Worship

July 7, 2024

## Opening

*S: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*S: Praise the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.*

**C: Those who keep the Sabbath and call it a delight shall rejoice in God's kingdom.**

*S: All who hallow the seventh day shall be gladdened by God's goodness.*

**C: This day is the festival of the spirit, sanctified and blessed by God, the most precious of days, a symbol of the joy of creation.**

## Gathering Hymn



Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry  
I will live Lord, as you ask me,  
With your Spir - it, Fath-er, fill me;  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



pure and ho - ly tried and true - -  
find - ing truth in your com - man - -  
let me know your pres-ence he - - -  
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. \_\_\_\_\_



- With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a li - ving  
ds 'Gainst all e - vils and temp - ta - tions,  
re. I am long - ing for your sal - va - tion.  
— Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



sanc - tu - a - ry fo - r you.  
as your faith - ful, I will stand.  
Come, I want you to be near.  
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

## Greeting

*S: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

## Dialog & Prayer of the Day

*S: For the beauty of the earth, Creator God,*

**C: We give you thanks.**

*S: For the rich abundance of the natural order, Lord,*

**C: We give you thanks.**

*S: For the many ways that you provide for all creation, Sustainer,*

**C: We give you thanks.**

*S: For the material things that enable our survival and provide for our comfort, gracious God,*

**C: We give you thanks.**

*S: As we strive first for the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,*

**C: Teach us to pursue the work of justice.**

*S: We live in a world that has the resources to satisfy everyone's hunger, if only we will share our food.*

**C: Teach us to love kindness.**

*S: We long to live lives characterized by reckless generosity and hospitality.*

**C: Teach us to walk humbly with you.**

*S: We commit to sharing all that you have entrusted to us with all people,*

**C: That in so doing, we might be transformed into more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.**

*S: Let us pray:*

**C: God of glory and love, true and lasting peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom. Fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*God speaks to His prophet Ezekiel*

A voice said to me, the prophet Ezekiel: "O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you."

And when the voice spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard the voice speaking to me.

The voice said to me, "Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have sinned against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you are to say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God!' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they will know that there has been a prophet among them."

*Reader: The Word of the Lord!*    **C: Thanks be to God!**

*To you I lift up my eyes,  
to you enthroned in the heavens.*

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

*so our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
until he show us his mercy.*

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

*too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

And Jesus came out of that place and went into his fatherland, and his disciples followed him.

And since it was the Sabbath, Jesus began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded saying, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?"

And they were scandalized (*they had their faith undermined*) by him. And Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."

And he did not have the power to do any works, except to lay his hands on a few feeble people to heal them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

And then Jesus went about among the villages teaching. And he summoned the twelve and commenced to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. And he ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

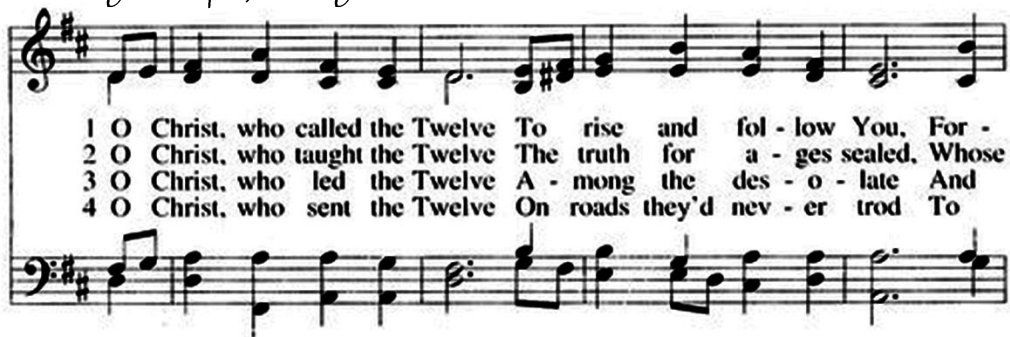
And he said to them, "Wherever you come into a house, stay there until you are ready to leave that place. And if any place will not receive you and not hear you, leave there and shake off the dust under your feet as a witness to them."

And they went out to proclaim the good news so that everyone might turn back to faithfulness, and they cast out many demons, and anointed many feeble people with oil and cured them.


*P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!*

Sermon

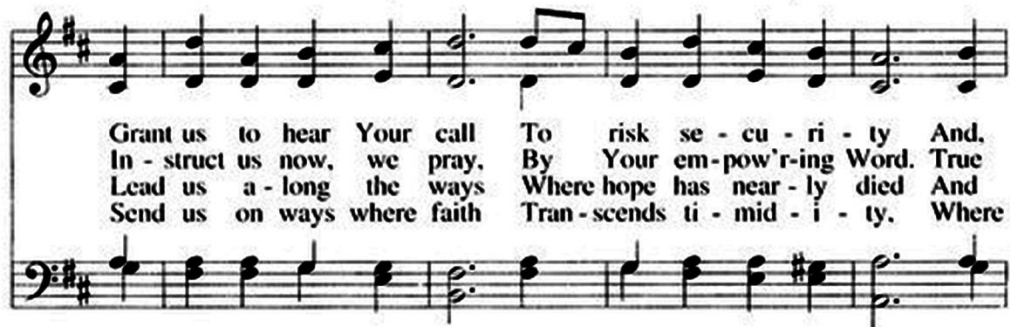
# Hymn of the Day



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -  
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And  
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:  
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:  
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:  
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,  
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word, True  
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And  
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty,  
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord,  
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied,  
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.

## 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 & Passing of the Peace

### Words of Institution

*P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.*

*P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.*

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*It is indeed right and responsible that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. We recall and proclaim that in your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who came as the Messiah, reaching out to heal the sick and suffering, preaching good news to the poor, and inviting all to your table through his sacrifice on the cross.*

*In that night in which he was handed over . . .*

*P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:*

**C: 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.**

## Post Communion Prayer

*P: Let us pray.*

**C: We rejoice that you use the harvests of the field, the fruit of the vineyard and the fellowship of the table to fulfill your promise of an abiding presence in our lives. As we leave this sacred time lead us out to faithful lives that manifest that presence through all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Benediction

### Recessional

*How Buoyant and Bold*

Tune: **ELW 825**

The musical score is written for a three-part setting in 3/4 time, featuring a soprano, alto, and bass line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with five numbered lines of text. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the alto and bass parts providing harmonic support through chords and single notes.

1 How buoy - ant and bold the stride of Christ's friends,  
2 Not slowed by the bulk and drag of great loads,  
3 Christ sent them in twos in - stead of a - lone,  
4 Ap - proach - ing a town or high cit - y wall,  
5 Lord, grant us a faith so brave and so bright

1 when swept by his words like high - lift - ing winds,  
2 to cit - ies and towns, on path - ways and roads,  
3 to tell the good news, wher - ev - er un - known,  
4 they won - dered what soul a - wait - ed Christ's call  
5 that we too shall dare to trav - el as light

1 they set out to preach and to heal in the land  
2 they car - ried the glad ur - gent gos - pel of grace  
3 and lift up each oth - er when hurt and con - fused  
4 and who would re - act with dis - in - t'rest or scorn  
5 as those who took noth - ing but what they would need

1 with noth - ing to take but a staff in their hand!  
 2 that beat in their hearts and that drummed in their pace.  
 3 be - cause what they of - fered was mocked and re - fused.  
 4 and how man - y oth - ers by doubt would be torn.  
 5 to bring peace and heal - ing with grace and with speed.

**Dismissal** A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Courage, brothers and sisters in Christ!! God calls us to share in the teaching of our faith to the children and Grace has an opportunity for you to serve the Lord by lending your skill, love, time and creativity to teaching a Sunday School class once in a while! It is a great joy and very rewarding. Speak with Pastor about what is needed and what you can do to make a real difference here at Grace!



Thomas Hoover and Emily DeLeo will be married at Grace on Saturday, July 20th, 2024. The couple and their families would like to invite the members of Grace to attend the ceremony, which will take place in the sanctuary at 2pm.

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