Outdoor Worship

Opening

P: *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C: Amen.**

P: 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.

P: 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 A7D Lord pre - pare to be a sanc-tu - a me ry will live Lord. I as vou ask me. With your Spir - it, Fath-er, fill me: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, G D pure and ho ly tried and true find - ing truth in your com man me know he let. your pres-ence Al - le - lu ia, А men. Α7 With thanks - giv - ing I'11 be li - ving а ds 'Gainst all e - vils and temp - ta - tions, re. Ι am long - ing for your sal - va - tion. Al - le - lu - ia, A1 le - lu - ia, -G Α7 D fo - r sanc – tu – a ry you. your faith ful, T will stand. as Come. Ι want you to be near. Al _ le - lu ia, А men.

Greeting

P: 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

P: For the beauty of the earth, Creator God, **C: We give you thanks.**

P: For the rich abundance of the natural order, Lord,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the many ways that you provide for all creation, Sustainer, **C: We give you thanks.**

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

C: We give you thanks.

P: As we strive first for the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, **C:** Teach us to pursue the work of justice.

P: 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.

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

C: Teach us to walk humbly with you.

P: 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.

P: *Let us pray:*

C: God of all creation, you nurture and sustain us with the Bread of life, Jesus, who instructs and empowers us to leave behind the old ways to embrace our new life of reflecting your love, grace and forgiveness in our own interactions with each other. Send us the Spirit, that we will always seek life in your Word and always offer life in all that we say and do. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Lesson

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (a continual reading)

The author writes: So then, having put away what is fake, you must speak truth to each neighbor, for we are members of one another. You must not be made angry and must not sin! The sun must not set on your anger. You must not give the devil any real estate! Those who are stealing must no longer steal; but rather they must be laboring, working the hands for good, in order that they may share with those having a need. All words that are worthless must not come out of your mouth, but only what is good for the need of building up, so that they may give grace to those who are listening. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. All bitterness and wrath and anger and clamoring and blasphemy is to be taken from you with all evil: be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ has forgiven you. Become, therefore, imitators of God, as loved children, and walk around in love, just as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us, an offering and sacrifice with a pleasing fragrance to God.

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

<u> Psalm</u>

<u> Psalm 34:1-8</u>

I will bless the Lord 'at all times; his praise shall continually be 'in my mouth. **My soul makes its boast 'in the Lord; let the humble hear 'and be glad.**

O magnify the 'Lord with me, and let us exalt his 'name together.

I sought the Lord, and he 'answered me, and delivered me from 'all my fears.

Look to him, 'and be radiant; so your faces shall never 'be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard 'by the Lord, and was saved from 'every trouble.

The angel of the 'Lord encamps around those who fear him, and de'livers them.

O taste and see that the 'Lord is good; happy are those who take re'fuge in him.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th *chapter.* **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Gospel

<u>John 6:35, 41-51</u>

Jesus said to them,

"I am the bread of life.

Whoever is coming to me may never have hunger,

and whoever is having faith in me never may thirst." Then the Jews murmured about him because he said, "I am the bread that has come down from heaven."

They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say from heaven he came down?"

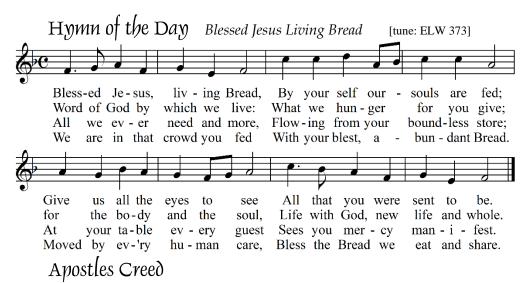
Jesus answered them, "Do not murmur with one another. No one has the power to come to me unless the Father having sent me draws them; and I will raise them up in the last day. It is written in the prophets,

'And they will be God-instructed.'

Everyone who has heard and has learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to the one believing has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread coming down from heaven, so that anyone may eat from it and not die. I am the living bread having come down from heaven. If anyone may eat from this bread they will live into the age; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Sermon



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.

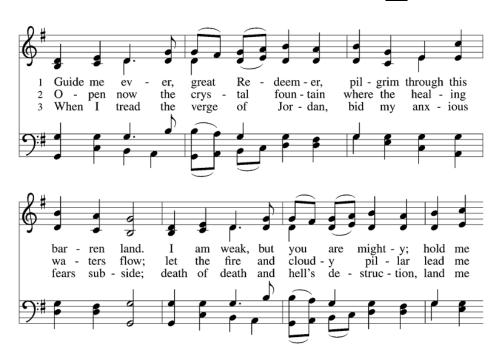
C: We rejoice that you use the harvests of the field, the fruit of the vineyard and the fellowship of the table to fulfill your promise of an abiding presence in our lives. As we leave this sacred time lead us out to faithful lives that manifest that presence through all that we say and do. In Jesus'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

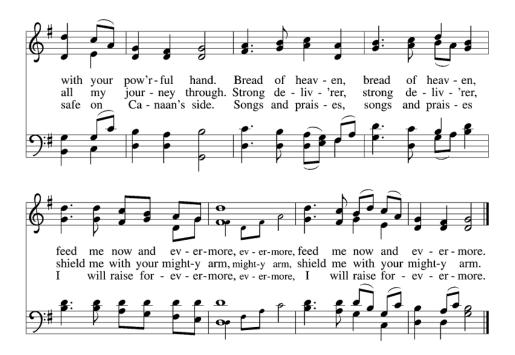
Benediction

Recessional

Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

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



<u>Sunday, August11</u> 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the Memorial Garden

Wednesday, August 14 9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Sunday, August 18 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the Memorial Garden



Confirmation class will be starting in just a few short weeks! If you have a student interested in joining the class, please contact the church office at <u>OfficeGraceYorktown@gmail.com</u>

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