Unison:  Come, Holy Spirit, be our guest. Open your hearts to your spirit and bless this meal that we share together so that we might be nourished in both body and spirit. May we be filled with your light and love and serve you and our neighbors with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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The Lord’s Supper

Everyone is welcome at the Lord’s table. We share communion by intinction – by dipping a piece of bread into the cup of grape juice. If you are unable to come forward someone will bring the elements to you. All communion bread is gluten free.

Communion Hymns

"For Everyone Born"  Hymn No. 769
"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"  Hymn No. 519

Pastoral Prayer

We Depart to Serve the Lord

"Hymn
"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"  Hymn No. 687
Stanzas 1, 2, and 3: all  Stanza 4: low voices  Stanza 5: high voices  Stanza 6: all

*Benediction

Choral Responsory

“The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee”  Travis Evans

The Lord bless thee and keep thee; The Lord makes his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Festival Toccata on “St. Anne”  Frederick Swann

The Postlude signifies the conclusion of worship.
We invite you to remain seated.

Worship Leaders:
Rev. Dr. David Holyan, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor
Music Ministry:
Chancel Choir; Leslie Malloy, soloist;
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries; Travis Evans, Music Associate
Live Stream Host:
Frank Darr
Ushers:
Ellie Coutts, Scott Fargo, Susan Fechter, Anita Kerwin,
A n n i e  L i t t l e p a g e ,  S t e r l i n g  L i t t l e p a g e ,  C a r o l y n  S p r o u l l ,  S t u a r t  S p r o u l l
Bob Schneider, Usher Captain
Communion Servers:
Julie Filean, Julie Grant, Peter Hurd, Joe Marting, Lindsay Marting

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Let us join together in a time of prayerful preparation as the music begins.

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

We Gather to Worship God

Organ Prelude  "Rhymemdr" Ralph Vaughan Williams
Choral Introit  "O Taste and See" Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blot out the man that trusteth in him.

We Address Ourselves to God

*Call to Worship
Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

People: We take delight in the Lord,
and give to the Lord, the desires of our hearts.
Leader: Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in God and the Lord will act.

People: Let us be still before the Lord,
and wait patiently for God's goodness.
We do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.
Leader: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;
God is our refuge in the time of trouble.

Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn  "O God of Every Nation" Hymn No. 756

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (The people joining)

God of patient forbearance, you care for us far more than we know. You remind us to trust in your goodness. You invite us to love our neighbors. You invite us to love and pray for our enemies. This is so hard for us to do. We want to fight back. We want to get even. We want to win! Forgive us for all the ways we diminish your grace. Forgive us for not loving enough. Forgive us our sin. Continue to be at work in us, helping us grow in grace and mercy. Help us love all people, especially those we see as enemies. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Silent Confessions

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response to Confession  "We Are Forgiven" Hymn #447

*The Passing of the Peace
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Registers

See the insert regarding information on the life and work of our congregation.

Time with Children

We Hear God's Word

First Reading  Genesis 45:3-1
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem  "He, Watching Over Israel"
Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumber not, nor slumber. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, humblenite; He will quicken thee.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon  "Do Unto Others"
Rev. Dr. David Holyan

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory Sentences

Offering of the People

Offertory Anthem  "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether" Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in thy name two or three are met together,

Thou art in the midst of them. Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup.

Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,

That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Unison: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
Unison: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Unison: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Celebrant: Gracious God, we gather to worship you and give our thanks and praise. By your power you created all that is, making a universe out of chaos and leading us in the ways of wisdom and truth. Throughout the ages you have called your people to love and to serve, and to be your light among all the nations. When we failed you, you did not turn away from us, rather you sent prophets to call us back to the ways of truth and love. We give thanks that in the fullness of time, you revealed your love by sending your son to be the light of the world--to heal our brokenness and teach us the ways of justice and peace. As we gather around this table we praise you with gratitude and thanks, joining with the angels and archangels, and the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name.

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

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: You are holy, God of majesty and truth, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, in whom you revealed yourself as our light and our salvation. Baptized in Jordan's waters, Jesus took his place with sinners and your voice proclaimed him your beloved. Your Spirit anointed him to bring good news to the poor and proclaim release to the captives, to restore sight to the blind and to free the oppressed. He lived among us in power and grace, touching broken lives