

*Response to Confession

“We Are Forgiven”

Hymn No. 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.

Sharing of the Announcements *(See the insert regarding information on the life and work of our congregation.)*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30 (selected verses)

Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 185

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

“Laud”

Jane Marshall

Before the sun had painted dusk, or flowers set the hill ablaze, before the seas began to teem or mountains pierced the skin of earth, You were God. The Sculpting Hand, the Global Eye, the Knowing Mind, the Loving Heart. You are God. In stone-cold grief when sense is numb, in ecstasy when joy is born, in every place, in every age, for every one, You will be God. Laudamus te!

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 190

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Freedom to Do Good”

The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

We Respond to God's Word

Reception of New Members

Offertory Sentences

Offering of the People

Offertory Voluntary

“My Life Flows On”

Robert Lowery

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,

how can I keep from singing? Through all the tumult and the strife; I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul.

How can I keep from singing? What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Unison: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Unison: **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant: Give thanks to our God!

Unison: **All our thanks, and all our praise!**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three in One.

Before all that is, You were God.

Outside all we know, you are God.

After all is finished, you will still be God

Archangels sound the trumpets.

Angels teach us their song,

Saints pull us into your presence.

And so we sing:

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: Holy God,

You beyond the galaxies and under the oceans,

You inside the leaves and the pouring down rain,

You opening the flowers and feeding of insects,

You giving us your image,

You carrying us through the waters,

You holding us in the night,

Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,

Your hand with Moses and Miriam,

Your words through Deborah and Isaiah,

Unison: **You lived as Jesus among us,**

Healing and teaching,

dying and rising,

inviting us all to this, your feast.

Celebrant: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave thanks.

He broke it and gave it to his disciples saying,

“Take, eat; this is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

After the supper, he took the cup, gave thanks

and offered it to his disciples to drink saying,

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people

for the forgiveness of sin, do this in remembrance of me.”

Unison: **So gracious God, by your Spirit, enliven this bread and waken this body.**

pour us out for each other,

transfigure our minds,

ignite your church.

While we are many, make us united.

While we are broken, make us whole.

In spite of death, make us alive.

Celebrant: So we call, come Holy Spirit and be our guest.

So we come to remember your Son

as we gather around this table saying:

Come Holy Spirit, Make us one.

Unison: **You, Holy Spirit, who are our Mercy and our Might,**

our Sovereign, our Water, our Bread and our Wine,

our Light and our Treasure,

our Way, our Truth, and our Life.

Make us one in the name of your son,

as we share the bread of life and cup of blessing in your name.

Amen.

This liturgy is based on the Prayer of Great Thanksgiving from the Book of Common Worship for our denomination.