



Order of Worship
Holy Communion
August 2, 2020

Welcome & Intention		Dr. Andy Stoker
Opening Prayer		The Reverend Holly Bandel
Introduction to Featured Anthem		Dana Effler
Anthem	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	arr. Mack Wilberg
The Chancel Choir offered this anthem in worship on Sunday, March 31, 2015. Don Shannon, Bagpipes, Doug Howard, Percussion		
Scripture	Acts 2:42-47	Dr. Stoker
Homily	<i>The Duty of Constant Communion</i>	Dr. Stoker
Invitation to the Offering		The Reverend Bandel
Offertory	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	arr. Dale Wood
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		Dr. Stoker The Reverend Ann Willet

Christ our Lord invites to this table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news! Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Lord be with us all as we lift up our hearts and give our praise and thanksgiving. It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, We praise your name and join our unending hymn.

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.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
As a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour our your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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. Amen.

Music During Communion

Now We Pray to the Holy Spirit

Dietrich Buxtehude

Benediction

Dr. Stoker

Participants

Rev. Holly Bandel, Assoc. Minister for Mission & Advocacy
Dana Effler, Director of Music & Arts
Tim Effler, Organist/Associate Director of Music & Arts
Morgan McClinchie, Media & Technology Manager
Dr. Andrew C. Stoker, Senior Minister
Rev. Ann Willet, Executive Assoc. Minister