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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 12, 2026

*Please stand in body or in spirit, as you are able.

All are invited to say / sing together the liturgy printed in *italics*.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: SING TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH, SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS, -- COME BEFORE GOD WITH SONGS OF JOY.

PEOPLE: *KNOW THAT THE ALMIGHTY, THE LORD, IS GOD; HE MADE US, AND WE ARE HIS, -- GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK*

LEADER: COME TO HIS GATES AND GIVE THANKS, ENTER HIS COURTS PRAISING HIM, -- GIVE THANKS TO HIM AND BLESS HIS NAME.

PEOPLE: *HOW GOOD, HOW GOOD IS THE LORD! GOD'S LOVE LASTS FOR AND EVER. GOD IS FAITHFUL FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.*

*HYMN #150

Come Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

*Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God, everything has been given to us and yet we ask for more and we are rarely satisfied. We are for the abundance that you have given to us -- both in provision and grace. We compare our portions with o ungrateful ne another and accuse you of unfairness. We speak out in ignorance when we have not quieted ourselves to really listen and attune our lives to you. Deliver us from stubborn self-determination and humble us with your word.

Through dreams and visions, O God, you broaden the horizon and hope of your people, that we may discover

the meaning of your covenant, even in the midst of trial and exile. Continue to abide with us, we pray. Increase among us the number of those who believe in your word so that all people may joyfully respond to your call and share in your promise. (silent prayers of confession) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: HAVING CONFESSED OUR SIN, OUR FAITHFUL AND JUST GOD HAS FORGIVEN OUR SIN AND
CLEANSED US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

ALL: *IN CHRIST JESUS WE ARE FORGIVEN. AMEN. HALLELUJAH!*

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We invite you, in response to God's love, grace, forgiveness, and peace we receive through Christ's death and resurrection, to share the peace of Christ with those around you – in whatever way you feel comfortable. You could use a handshake, or a fist bump, or a peace sign, or even a hug. You could also say: "May the peace of Christ be with you." And a response would be, "*And also with you.*" **Also at this time, we invite children ages 4 through 12 to go to the chapel with Brandy Webb for Worship Workshop.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ancient Gardener, your holy word is planted in our hearts as good seed in fertile soil. So nurture us that we may bear fruit abundantly. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 55: 10-13

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

SERMON

Seed That Goes to Waste

Rev. Dr. Kitty Hahn-Campanella

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Softly and Tenderly
(Dr. Marcia Thom-Kaley, soloist)

arrangerORcomposer

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*HYMN #276

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided.*

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

