



\*SONG OF RESPONSE                      Glory to God                      Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Melissa Gill

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

**And the Lord made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes,**

whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

**He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

Praise the Lord!

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28

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SERMON

How to Follow Jesus

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Hymnal, No. 460

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

(Romans 8:1,28,38,39)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... O Lord our God, **hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY      Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow      Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

ANTHEM                      See the Bread, See the Wine

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORDS' PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer                      Hymnal, p. 35

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**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 God.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal, No. 826

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

Postlude on Lift High the Cross

John Leavitt

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

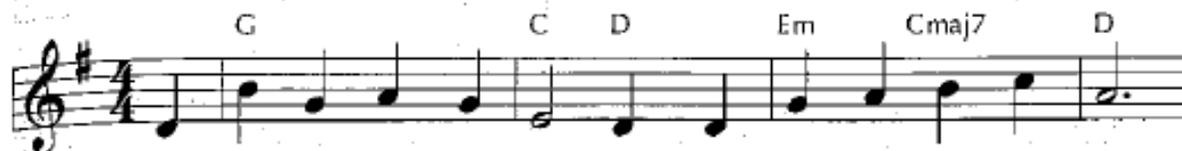
We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for September 3: Exodus 3:1-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Jeremiah 15:15-21 and Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for **September are crackers and soup**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

# We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378



1 We wait the peace-ful king-dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie  
 2 Where is the peace-ful king-dom? When will this new day start?  
 3 When wars of des-o-la-tion and hate come to an end,  
 4 That lit-tle child shall lead us to walk the cho-sen way,



in gen-tle-ness and friend-ship with-out a-fear or sigh,  
 We long for peace and com-fort to reign with-in each heart.  
 when na-tion meets with na-tion and calls the oth-er "friend,"  
 to share the peace-ful king-dom, to greet God's new-born day.



when li-on shall be graz-ing, when snake shall nev-er strike;  
 Yet not in our lives on-ly, nor sim-ply in our home:  
 still peace in all its full-ness will on-ly have be-gun:  
 The child born in a sta-ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit-tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a-like.  
 we pray that all cre-a-tion will one day find sha-lom.  
 sha-lom for all cre-a-tion be-gins with jus-tice done.  
 to bring through word and ta-ble the day when jus-tice reigns.

# Break Thou the Bread of Life 460

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un - to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea.  
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord.  
Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall.

My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word!  
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

# Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

*to Refrain*