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GATHERING HYMN

Prelude

WELCOME

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like the ocean...

I've got joy like a fountain...

I've got peace, love, joy like a river, ocean, fountain...

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us
and all of creation.

Amen.

Gathered in the presence of God and each other, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

### Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a



¹The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10a</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

<sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

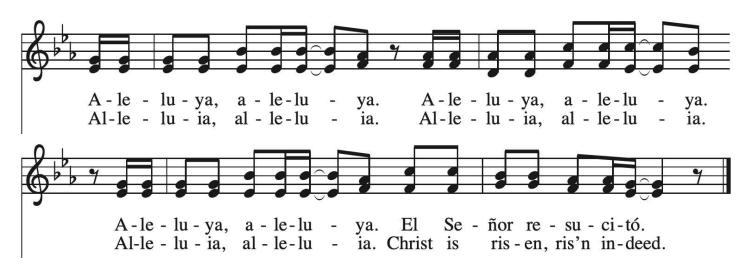
<sup>4</sup>in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

<sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

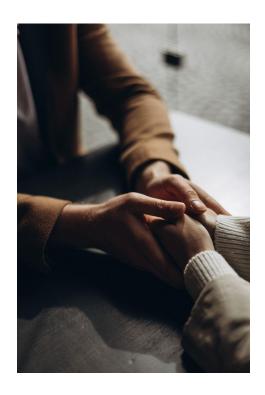
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.** 

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: LUKE 10:38-42



The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>38</sup>Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.** 

# **S**ERMON

Hymn In the Secret

Verse 1
In the secret in the quiet place,
in the stillness You are there.
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait, only for You,
'cause I want to know You more.

### Chorus

I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice, I want to know You more.
I want to touch You, I want to see Your face, I want to know You more.

# Verse 2 I am reaching for the highest goal, that I might receive the prize. Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside, out of my waym 'Cause I want to know you more.

Repeat Chorus

# Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

### Prayers of Intercession

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer." If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at <a href="mailto:pastor@shepherdofthecross.org">pastor@shepherdofthecross.org</a>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always! And also with you!

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!



### GREAT THANKSGIVING

### Dialogue

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.

# Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host. Please follow the directions given by Pastor Aleese for communion distribution. Those not desiring to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.

# COMMUNION SONG

SANCTUARY

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary, for you.

Lord renew me, you see right through me sins departed from my soul.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary, for you.

When the Lord comes, with shouts of glory, and our work here on earth is done. How I long to, to hear you saying, faithful servant, well done.

Verse 1
When the music fades,
all is stripped away,
and I simply come.
Longing just to bring, something that's of worth,
that will bless your heart.

### Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself, is not what You have required. You search much deeper within, through the way things appear. You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You. It's all about You, Jesus.

Verse 2
King of endless worth,
no one could express
how much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours,
every single breath.

Repeat Chorus

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and ⊕ give you peace.

Amen.

My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord, my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.

My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord, my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.

I'll praise you with all of my life.
I'll praise you with all of my strength.
with all of my life,
with all of my strength, all of my hope is in you!

My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord, my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you. My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord, my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you. In you.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

### **POSTLUDE**

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