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9:45 AM

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Summer of Fun & Games

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

C: Jesus is the living bread!

L: Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

C: Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

L: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

C: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 25 NCH** (black hymnal, see next page)

O God Our Help in Ages Past

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts, 1719

William Kroyt, 1708

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Piano



1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our
2. Un - der the shad - ow of our throne your
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, soon
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our

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hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your
earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that
bears us all a - way; We fly for - got - ten,
hope for years to come, Still be our God while

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storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
you are God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
as a dream fades at the o - pening day.
trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home!

***TIME OF CONFESSION²**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Holy Wisdom,

C: So often, we forget to turn our hearts to you. So often, we choose ourselves over others. So often, we break your commandments and desires for us because it doesn't serve us. So often, we forget that in our work and play and praise we are created to serve you. Forgive us.

You granted Solomon's request for an understanding mind and the knowledge to discern good from evil. Fill us with such understanding and knowledge that we may act as instruments of your loving desire for creation, working with you to transform our conceit into concern for others, our fear into love, our violence into peace, and our brokenness into wholeness. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 347 NCH (vs. 1 & 2)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ALL SING: Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound!

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14 (CEB)

John 6:51, 57-58 (CEB)

ALL-AGE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 593 UM HYMNAL (see next page)

Here I Am Lord

Here I Am Lord

Dan Schutte, 1981

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Piano 

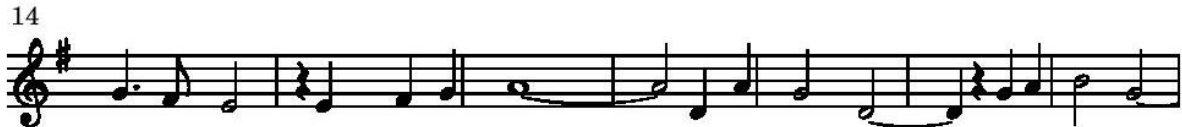
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

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All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will break their
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est bread I

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stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright. Who will bear my
hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

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light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
word to them. Whom shall I send?
life to them. Whom shall I

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I have heard you call-ing in the night. I will go Lord, if you

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lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 347 NCH (black hymnal, vs. 3)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

**ALL SING: Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! Jesus lives
again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound! Jesus
lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 620 UM HYMNAL (see below)

One Bread, One Body

One Bread, One Body

Jon B. Foley, 1978

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♩ = 80 Refrain

Piano

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The piece is a refrain. The lyrics are: 'One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many through-out the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. 1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free, 2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the works, 3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown, wo-man or man, no more. One one in the Lord of all. gath-ered to one, for all.'

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,

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one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And we, though

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man-y through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this

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one Lord. 1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

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wo-man or man, no more. One
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one, for all. *Fine*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

References

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Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

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Welcome Team Members—Doris Loucks, Robin Schriver, Jeff & Nancy Sleeper

Guest Accompanist—Cody Eckenrode

Liturgist— Jen Miller

Tech Team—Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker, & Ron Miles