

Flowers are given by Julie Magenheim in honor of Bill Brackett

PRELUDE

Marco A. Jimenez, guest musician

INVITATION

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Living God

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**Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;
Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,
Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.**

**Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,
Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.
God toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill;
And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.**

**Praise to the living God, around, within, above,
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.**

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, we sing with the Psalmist who knew preached the boisterous, boundless joy of Your Spirit and who pointed toward the valleys of pain. We have lived the laughter of Saint Sarah and sat in a pile of ash with Job. Then, there are the ordinary summer days when weeks can blur and blend together. We know there is a space and a holy place for all people here today. Those who celebrate, those who feel crushed by concern, and those who forgot to turn the calendar to August. We pause this morning, inviting You to come close as our next breath as we check in with how it is with our heart, soul, and life on this first day of a new month.

Silence

ASSURANCE

CELEBRATION of TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE

RESPONSE

Make Us One

**Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let Your love flow so the world will know we are one in You.**

DEDICATION

God, Your giving knows no ending, inclusive, and infinite. You disrupt and dismantle everything we were taught in Economics 101, which is why faith so challenges our understanding. You leave us perplexed in all the beauty of life. We dedicate our whole

life to You this day and this week. Move in our midst every day with Your grace, wisdom, peace, and possibility as we open wide our hearts to You with the rising of the sun each day. Alleluia. Amen.

ENGAGING SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:14-16

¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

SERMON

Faithful Recipes

HYMN

Come to the Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace, come to the table of grace.

This is Christ's table not just yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace, come to the table of peace.

This is Christ's table not just yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of love, come to the table of love.

This is Christ's table not just yours or mine. Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of joy, come to the table of joy.

This is Christ's table not just yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.

CELEBRATION of COMMUNION

INVITATION

One: This is Christ's table. It belongs not just to you or to me, but is a space of radical inclusiveness and acceptance.

Many: **Each of us is invited by God to pull up a chair where we are warmly welcomed as God's beloved.**

One: So may you taste on the tip of your tongue the truth of grace.

Many: **May you feel your heart strangely warmed by the truth of love.**

One: May God embrace and enfold you.

Many: **May God nourish and nurture you.**

One: Come and taste who you are:

Many: **The body of Christ in such a time as this, animated by the Spirit, and held by God.**

LORD'S PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, God, among us, and bring us to believe:
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.**

**Teach us, O God, Your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.**

**Let Your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice Your acceptance, until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.**

**Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit; God, free us, make us one!**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

USHERS: June Wolgemuth, Drue Murray

LITURGIST: Gib Mitchell

SONG LEADER: Felix McElroy

Marco A. Jimenez will be a freshman this fall at Columbia and Julliard. He plays the piano, violin, organ, and also composes classical music. He was a member of the Sarasota Youth Philharmonic for the last five years as well as its concertmaster.