

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online (rescov.org/give) and yet we believe it is still good and right to give God thanks as part of our worship. If you have offering this morning you are welcome to place it in the basket in the center aisle as we give God thanks.

DOXOLOGY*

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

HOLY COMMUNION

As we continue to navigate the implications of Covid we will have two options for partaking. After coming down the center aisle, you can choose one of the two lines. One will have a common cup for intinction (dipping); the other will have individual cups that can be drank from and then placed in the provided empty tray. Please choose whichever line you feel most comfortable with.

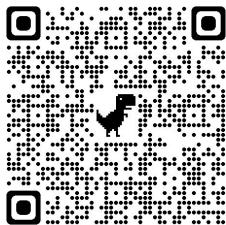
SENDING

SONG* - I Need You To Survive

CHARGE & BENEDICTION*

*Stand, as you are able

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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP* (*by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC*)

In a world that is lonely,

we will save a seat for you.

In a world that is anxious,

we will light candles against the gloom.

In a world that is weary,

we will sing songs of joy and truth.

I am not alone.

We are not alone.

For here in this place, God is weaving us together.

Light the candles! Sing with joy!

We are a three-cord strand, not easily broken.

PROCESSION HYMN* - We Light a Candle

We light a candle to decrease
the pain that scorns and harms,
and spread a just and lasting peace
that nurtures and disarms.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

In a weary and worn world,
how do we begin again?
Where do we start?

Let us begin together.

Let us begin arm in arm.

**Let us begin by holding each other up,
instead of tearing each other down.**

Let us begin with words of peace.

SONG* - Here We Have Gathered

SONG* - Come Now, O Prince of Peace

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC)

I have tried to make my own way.
I have tried to lace my own shoes, to build my own house, to kindle my own faith.
I have said a thousand times, “turn back,” as if I am fine on my own.
But the days are long and I am forgetful.
I need your help. Can you remind me?
We will remind you of this everlasting truth:
You are not alone.
Where you go, God goes.
You are held in grace.
Trust in this good news.
Thanks be to God! I remember. I believe.

Now we need your help.

We, too, have tried to make our own way.

**We have tried to lace our own shoes, to build our own houses,
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PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

SONG* - Peace, Give I to Thee

Peace give I to thee [faith...hope....love]

Peace give I to thee

Not as the world gives

Give I to thee

Peace give I to thee

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Ruth 1

SERMON

We Can't Go Alone

Pastor Alicia

RESPONSE

HYMN* - To Be Known **(See Insert)**

(Words by Anna Strickland; Music by John Baptiste Calkin)

We Have Gathered

1. Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;
Circle of kinship come and step ininside!
May all who seek here find a kindly word;
May all who speak here feel they have been heard.
Sing now together this our hearts' own song.

2. Here we have gathered called to celebrate
Days of our lifetime, matters small and great:
We of all ages, women, children, men,
Infants and sages, sharing what we can.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song

3. Life has its battles, sorrows and regret:
But in the shadows, let us not forget:
We who now gather know each other's pain;
Kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain.
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

Come now, O God of love; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

Come, hope of unity; make us one body.
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We were not made for solitude

We need communities of faith

Where we can feel God's warm embrace

For in the garden God declared

That our brief lives on earth be shared

With partners, friends, and family

Who hold us in our joy and grief

In every age humanity

Relied on mutuality

Our God-breathed spirits weren't designed

To be divided and confined

Both you and I are intertwined

The warp and weft of humankind

So please don't try to go alone

Your human heart needs to be known

I Need You To Survive

I need you, you need me

We're all a part of God's body

Stand with me, agree with me

We're all a part of God's body

It is his will that every need be supplied

You are important to me, I need you to survive

I pray for you, you pray for me

I love you, I need you to survive

I won't harm you with words from my mouth

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