

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

We invite you to come down the center aisle, receive the bread in your open hands as a symbol that the grace we receive at the table is not something we take for ourselves but is freely offered to us. After receiving the bread, you may either dip your bread in the communal cup or partake of an individual cup. Gluten-free bread is available, simply ask your server.

SONG\* - Come You People of the Promise (Hymn #130)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\*

SENDING

SENDING SONG\* - Hope Will Not Fail (see insert)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION\*

\*Stand, as you are able

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to sign-up to help  
Sunday mornings:



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info and be added to our newsletter,  
scan the QR code to your right→



GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP\* (by Rev. Sarah A. Speed)

Here in worship—  
**we pray together,**  
we stand together,  
**we sing together,**  
we listen together.  
**Here in worship—**  
**we are not alone.**  
So when life gives you reason to grieve, to fear, or to worry,  
remember this moment.  
**We are not alone.**  
Let us worship our with-us God.

PROCESSION HYMN\* - We Light A Candle

We light a candle to insist  
that it is not too late  
for enemies to coexist  
as love eclipses hate.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

SONG\* - Canticle of the Turning

SONG\* - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent (Hymn #127)

CONFESSION OF SIN -

**God of Israel, you promise to be with us, to strengthen us, and to help us.  
Even so, we sometimes feel unsure and hesitant.  
We struggle to trust your guidance and follow your ways.  
We do not always notice your presence or hear your call to care for others.  
Like Joseph, called to follow your plan with courage,  
we admit it is hard to act in faith when the path is uncertain.  
Yet you come to us in dreams and in hope,  
bringing love and the promise of new life.  
Emmanuel, God with us,  
strengthen our hearts, open our eyes,  
and guide us to follow your light,  
so that we may live in hope and share your peace.**

*~silence~*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel;  
**God’s love comes to us in the birth of Christ.  
In Jesus, we are forgiven, strengthened, and never alone.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

*(Any children aged Pre-K-6 are welcome to attend ResCov Kids and will return for communion)*  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

SONG\* - All of Your Ways are Peace (see insert)

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Isaiah 41:5-10**

GOSPEL LESSON\*

**Matthew 1:18-25**

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

***When You’re Afraid, Give Me Your Hand***

*Pastor Alicia*

RESPONSE

SONG\* - I Need You To Survive (see insert)

LIFE TOGETHER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER *(debts,debtors)*

OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online ([rescov.org/give](https://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. To give online, scan the QR code to your right.



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Hope will not fail,  
no, hope will not fail.  
Though anguish and apathy seem to prevail,  
no, hope will not fail;  
hope, hope will prevail.

Peace will not fail,  
no, peace will not fail.  
Though vengeance and violence seem to prevail,  
no, peace will not fail;  
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Believe in the coming,  
the coming of peace!  
Though vengeance and violence seem to prevail,  
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Joy will not fail,  
no, joy will not fail.  
Though mourning and misery seem to prevail,  
no, joy will not fail;  
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Believe in the blessing,  
the blessing of joy!  
Though mourning and misery seem to prevail,  
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Love will not fail,  
no, love will not fail.  
Though hatred and hopelessness seem to prevail,  
no, love will not fail;  
love, love will prevail.

Believe in the power,  
the power of love!  
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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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Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight,  
and my weakness you do not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain  
  
From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev’ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, ev’ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God’s mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
‘Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.

Refrain  
  
All of Your Ways are Peace

All of your ways are peace  
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Though we are pressed on ev’ry side  
We trust that you are peace

All of your words are true  
All of your words are true  
Though we have heard so many lies  
We trust your words are true

All of your ways are just  
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Though we may say it through our tears  
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