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Online Worship Bulletin

WELCOME

Looking Back: *Honoring Essential Workers*

OPENING HYMN

Deep Peace

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GREETING

L: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Jesus to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING: 2 SAMUEL 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 6:1-21

L: The Holy Gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

L: This is the gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

CHILDREN'S CREED

I believe in God who creates us.
I believe in Jesu Christ who saves us.
I believe in the Holy Spirit who makes us holy.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: God of hope, **C: Hear our prayer.**

PEACE AND INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERING

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG *May This Pool of Love*

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: God be with you. **C: And also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to God.**
L: Let us give thanks to God. **C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Gracious God in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come! Christ welcomes all, without exception.

Hear these words of promise:

This is the Body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

This is the Blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

You are invited to eat the bread and drink the cup in your home. Even across time and space, God is present in these gifts, and we, the community, are present to one another.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC *Come and Dine*

COMMUNION BLESSING

Dear friends, you are the body of Christ.

Go now, fed and forgiven to be God's good news for the world.

Go in peace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG *Put One Foot in Front of the Other*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *Lead Us Toward Such a Way*

Mission Partner of the Month - Community Emergency Service

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