

Jesus In Front of Us

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Welcome to Worship!

Welcome

Introit

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hand Bells

Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship with expectations:

All: What will we learn? What's here for us?

One: As we gather, God has expectations for us:

All: Where will you shine my light? How can you tell the story of my love?

One: Let us worship God who brings resurrection life in the midst of the everyday-ness of life.

All: Our eyes are opened and our hearts are filled with joy! Christ is risen!

Song

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

Invitation to Confession

Song of Confession

Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace

Trad. Maori Melody

*Band: Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most holy,
to your presence we have come; Give us now your love.*

All: Ever Present God, you are always on the move, always at work but so many times we fail to see you. Forgive us and open our hearts so we can be better followers.

*Band: Take away our sinfulness, evil that imprisons us,
free us from what troubles us, give our souls release.*

All: We confess that we get lost in yearning for the past. We forget that you've called us to be where Christ needs us to be. Forgive us and help us take up Christ's work in this time and place.

*Band: Warm our hearts to love you, Lord, you who died to save us,
gather us with in your arms, Jesus, on this day.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

(In the silence, please take a moment to offer your own confession to God.)

One: In the name of Christ we pray. **All: Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

One: Hear the good news: Christ meets us on the road and teaches us how to walk with him.

All: This is the good news: God forgives us and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God.

Response

Halle, Halle, Halle

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! (5 times)***Scripture**

Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon

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Song

Be Thou My Vision

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best, thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Here at UPC we come together from different places and traditions. As we pray the Lord's Prayer, please use one of these versions or feel free to speak the one that you learned as you grew in your faith.

***Our Father 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 debts as we
forgive our debtors.***

***Lead us, not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For
yours is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory forever.
Amen.***

***Our Father 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.***

***Our Father 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 trespasses as
we forgive those who
trespass against us.***

***Lead us, not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For
yours is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory forever.
Amen.***

Time With Young Disciples**Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism****Presentation of Finnagan Mark Ryan****Baptismal Questions****for the Parents****for the Sponsors****for the Congregation****Profession of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Baptism

Song

Baptized in Christ

*Baptized in Christ, we live his life; God's will in us be done.
May we by all we do proclaim the love that makes us one.*

*Baptized in Christ, we follow him, and we with him shall run
until we match his every step and so with Christ are one.*

*Baptized in Christ, we know his grace that cannot be undone.
Its bounty spreads throughout the earth and leaves us as one.*

Sending and Blessing One Another with Christ's Peace

One: We have sung, we have prayed, we have worshiped together.

All: Now we go back out into the world.

One: We came together to connect with each other and with Jesus.

All: We go out as people who are strengthened by the Spirit, ready to love and to serve.

One: As you go, remember Christ is risen! May you share the gift of new life with your family, your neighbors, your friends, and your enemies. And may the love of God go with you, the strength of the Spirit be yours and may the peace of Christ be with you now and always.

All: And also with you.'

One: Please share signs of peace with one another as you go.

Sending Music



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