

WORSHIP

PRELUDE..... Diane Nicklas

+GATHERING+

WELCOME *to worship and to the last part of our summer project: Return to Love Through Trust; Today: "Church Becoming"*

GATHERING HYMN: "*Shout to the Lord*"#821

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

MORNING PRAYER

P: Please join with me in the prayer of the day:

C: O God, you have given us Your Love as the foundation of our very being. May this foundation grow stronger and stronger and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly share Your Love with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+WORD+

FIRST READING: EXODUS 3: 13-15

Moses has a divine encounter at the burning bush. God (YHWH) sends him to announce that YHWH is going to deliver the Israelites from the oppression in Egypt. Moses wants to know the name of God. God reveals a name that is generally translated, "I am that, I am" Hebrew language is complex and the same Hebrew letters also mean, "I am becoming who I am becoming," which shows a movement and a development in the divine nature, rather than a static one. There is no present tense with direct object of the verb "to be" in the Hebrew Language.

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is their name?" what shall I say to them?' ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM BECOMING WHO I AM BECOMING." YHWH said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you:.' This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations."

L: Word of God Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God .

SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1-3

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.** For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

L: Word of God Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *“Change My Heart O God”*#801

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 1: 1-5; 10-13

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 1st Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was Life, and the Life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *We Are Adults of God Growing into the Image of Christ* Pastor Stahlberg

HYMN OF THE DAY *“You Are Mine”*# 581

STATEMENT OF FAITH

C: We believe God, a divine presence, gentle and loving, the ground of our being. We believe Jesus, who embodied the love of God, and who urged his followers to express that same love in their daily lives. We believe the Holy Spirit, as God’s continuing presence in our world, surrounding us with compassion. We believe the church is the Body of Christ where people gather to praise and learn about Christ, to share our concern for one another, and to bring justice and healing to all of God’s Creation. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

P: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. Hear us, O God...

C: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let’s share Christ’s peace with one another.

OFFERING *We are now invited to praise God with our offering!*

Please stand to receive the Holy Gifts of God for the people of God!

OFFERTORY SONG *“GIVE THANKS”*

C: Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the holy one, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his son. And now let the weak say, I am strong, let the poor say, I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks. Give thanks.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

C: God of abundance, we thank you for these gifts. Bless them as you also bless us the givers. Amen.

+MEAL+

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION+

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Remember us into your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All people are called to Christ’s table. Come, eat what is good.

COMMUNION HYMNS: “*As We Gather at Your Table*” #522
“*Jesus Remember Me*” # 616

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: We thank you, generous God, for soul food we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING HYMN “*Lead Me, Guide Me*”# 768

BLESSING

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed +bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be a little Christ every day!

C: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PEACE (*You may join hands.*)

C: My peace I give unto you. It’s a peace that the world cannot give. It’s a peace that the world cannot understand. Peace to know, peace to live. My peace I give unto you.