

Chapel in the Woods

Sunday, August 5, 2018 – 8:45 a.m.

* = Those Who Are Able, Please Stand

The People's Responses Are in **Bold Print**

OPENING SONG

Taste & See

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the bread You give us,

let our spirits be nourished by Your Word.

O Lord, let my soul rise to meet You

as the day rises to meet the sun.

Come, let us praise the Lord!

Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation!

Show us your beauty, Lord

In the midst of our wayward lives, You bring a miracle and creation is restored!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray:

**Heavenly Father, Abba Father, we thank You for giving us another day
to serve You, praise You, and magnify Your name.**

**Help us to always remember that You are the bread of our lives,
and that You feed us both in the midst of our
enemies and in the presence of our loved ones.**

Guide us so that we may live with gratitude for

Your grace and blessings for our neighbor,

and be Your faithful children. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit,

that in your light we may see light, in your truth we may find freedom,

and, in your will, discover peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.
Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

John 6:24-35

Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.
When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "What is Wisdom? Just Taste and See" Scott Roby
Sometimes the simplest things provide the most profound lessons. Even food - bread and wine - can serve as a powerful reminder of our connection to God's presence.

JOYS, CONCERNS, PRAYER REQUESTS, THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray:

**Sovereign God, we confess our sins of oppression and domination,
of self-righteousness and self-satisfaction.**

**We confess that even when we have tried to correct our wrongs,
we have still assumed the air of superiority,
and have belittled those we have wronged.**

Forgive us and call us into the hard work of justice.

**Call us to give up our own stake in the matter and instead work for your
justice that lifts up the oppressed and brings in the marginalized.**

In the name of Christ, who went to the cross for all, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

In the love of God, we belong to one another.

We need one another; we are part of one another.

In the love of God, we are part of God's beloved community.

We forgive as we have been forgiven.

We are filled with the Spirit, and set on right paths.

Assured of God's forgiveness,

we will go and share the Good News of God's beloved community,

and dwell in the love of God. AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give our thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...(the pastor continues, ending with)...and so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here....And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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You are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee and treats. The easiest way to the Fellowship Hall is to enter through the kitchen door off the back parking lot.

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