

## \*Celebration of Holy Communion

One: God be with you.                      **Many: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.                **Many: We lift them up to God.**  
One: Let us give thanks to God.        **Many: It is good to give God thanks & praise**

## \*Creation's Praise

*Sanctus (Patriquin)*

*Holy holy holy, God of power and might;  
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory:  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes, who comes in God's name.  
Hosanna in the high – est!*

*(Please be seated)*

## Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Receive the Bread of Life. **Amen.**  
The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

## The Kin-dom & The Power

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

*Our Mother/Father, always and everywhere, 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

## \*Hymn of Sending

*We Are Called*  
(Green Gather Hymnal No.718)

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

*Marching to Zion*  
Peter Black

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Prelude

*As a Deer*  
Peter Black

*Please use this time for quiet reflection and preparation for worship*

## Welcome & Announcements

## Lighting of Altar Candles & Ringing in the Hour

Let us recognize the light of the world within us and ring in the hour of worship.

## Introit

*Love and Justice*

*Love and Justice, Peace and Power, show us how to live each hour.  
Raise us up, and set us free, show us how to live and be.  
Tell your neighbors, tell your friends, here's a place hope never ends.  
Love and Justice, Peace and Power, God is with us in this hour.  
God is with us in this hour, God is with us in this hour,  
God is with us in this hour.*

## Call to Worship

*Psalm 90*

One: Turn, O God. Have compassion on your people.  
**Many: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love.**

One: Make us be glad in all our days.  
**Many: Let your work be made manifest in us.**

One: Teach us to count our days with joy.  
**Many: May we gain wise hearts.**

One: Let your favor be upon us, O God.  
**Many: O prosper the work of our hands! Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn

*The Love of the Lord*  
(Green Gather Hymnal No.702)

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\* = Stand if you wish to, and are able  
**Congregational response in bold**

## Unison Prayer

Prayer for Access Sunday & Disabilities Awareness Week

**Merciful God, we come before you today as people who are worried about those who are oppressed, marginalized, and forgotten. We confess that sometimes we forget about those made in your image. We confess that we do not speak up when people declare who can be the insiders in our church and our community. Forgive us and create in us a way to keep our hearts, minds, and doors wide open with love and understanding. Help us reach out beyond ourselves and learn about the joys of all the communities. Give us the patience to learn that all people have gifts and abilities to share with our community of faith. Amen.**

## Assurance of Grace and Peace

One: Peace be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

## \*Passing the Peace

*Spirit, Fill Me*

***Spirit come and fill me, fill me with your peace, fill me with your joy and your love.***

***Spirit come and show me, show me how to care, show me how to share your light.***

***Help me give my hand to those in need, let my heart be open to receive.***

***When we share your love, we can work together to heal this broken world.***

***Spirit come and fill us, fill us with your peace, fill us with your joy and your love,***

***Spirit come and show us, show us how to care, show us how to share your light.***

## Words of Integration & Guidance

Henri Nouwen

The society in which we live suggests in countless ways that the way to go is up. Making it to the top, entering the limelight, breaking the record - that's what draws attention and offers us the rewards of money and fame. The way of Jesus is radically different. It is the way not of upward mobility but of downward mobility. In a society in which upward mobility is the norm, downward mobility is not only discouraged but even considered unwise, unhealthy, or downright stupid. Who will freely choose a low-paying job when a high-paying job is being offered? Who will choose the hidden place when there is a place in the limelight? Who will choose to be with one person in great need when many people could be helped during the same time? Who will choose to withdraw to a place of solitude and prayer when there are so many urgent demands from all sides? The descending way of Jesus is the way of downward mobility. It is the way toward the poor, the suffering, the marginal -- toward all who ask for compassion. What do they have to offer? Not success, popularity, or power, but the joy and peace of the children of God. The compassionate life is the life of downward mobility. It is going to the bottom, staying behind the sets, and choosing the last place. Why is the way of Jesus worth choosing? Because it is the way that brings everlasting life. The great paradox which Scripture reveals to us is that real and total freedom is only found through downward mobility. The divine way is indeed the downward way, and so the downward road is the road to heaven.

## What Must I Do?

### The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Hebrews 4:12-16

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:17-31

Many: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Many: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Homily

"All Things are Possible"

Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

### Offering & Offertory

"Everything is Possible"

Jeff Spangler and Peter Black

Songwriters: Roo Walker, Philippa Hanna, Martin Smith, and Chris Eaton

## All Things Are Possible!

### Joys & Concerns/ Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God! **Many: Alleluia!**

One: O God, **Many: Hear our prayer.**

### \*Doxology

*Give Thanks to the Lord*

***Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good and God's mercy shall endure.***

***For God alone has done marv'lous things, give thanks unto the Lord.***

***God made the earth and heaven with a strong and mighty hand.***

***God has moved us to sing, proclaim this song! Give thanks unto our God.***