

“Blessed are those who are so naïve that they do not know what they cannot do.”

–Alan Cohen



Savannah College of Art and Design Museum

Prelude *Bist du bei mir, Bach/Fitzgerald, Nancy Plantinga, cornet*

Lighting of the Candles and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music *Blest Are They*

(Join songleader after verse)

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

Call to Worship *Richard Rohr, “Inherent Unmarketability”*

One: God is already present.

Many: God’s Spirit is dwelling within us.

We cannot search for what we already have.

We cannot talk God into coming “to” us by longer and more urgent prayers.

All we can do is become quieter, smaller, and less filled with our own self and our constant flurry of ideas and feelings.

Then God will be obvious in the very now of things, and in the simplicity of things.

To sum it all up, we can never get there.

We can only be there.

***Opening Hymn** *God Who is Life/Handout*

Opening Prayer

Nourishing God, we pray for the hungry and thirsty of this fragile world. For basic human needs that are left unfilled. For friendships that once flourished but now have faded. For promises that were made but too soon broken. For dreams of a better something that are no longer imagined. Remind us, O God, that you hunger and thirst with us and for us. May we feel your presence in word, song, and sacrament. Amen.

Assurance of Grace and Peace

One: Peace be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us share peace with one another

***Passing the Peace** *Give Us Your Peace*

Give us your peace, O God; give us your peace, your peace.
Give us your peace, O God; give us your peace, your peace.
(last time) Give us your peace, your peace.

October 27, 2024
23rd Sunday after
Pentecost

We’re so glad you’ve joined us today. Please feel free to ask any questions and participate or not in any parts of the worship service as you desire.

Service Volunteers

Usher: **Paul Burdick**

Greeters: **Linda & Matthew McWebb**

Offertory & Communion: **Sue Scott & Larry Fuerst, Jennifer Schwarb**

Acolyte: **Colette DeNooyer**

Reader: **Wayne Titus**

Sound Board: **Vicky Cobb**

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Worship

Sundays at 10am

Quiet Contemplation

Thursdays at 5pm

Our Mission

To grow together spiritually as progressive Christians, welcoming all, and pursuing peace, justice, love, and healing for all creation.

We demonstrate this by:

- Being Open and Affirming
- Acting as a Creation Justice Church
- Respecting and understanding all belief and faith traditions
- Recognizing and celebrating our connectedness to all peoples
- Valuing questions rather than answers

Asterisk () means stand if you wish and are comfortable doing so.*

Congregational voice parts look like this.

And service music lyrics look like this.

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A Reading from Isaiah 49:8-12
The Message, Eugene Peterson

Words of Integration & Guidance
Updating the Beatitudes, Dan Plasman

Blessed are whistleblowers who lose their jobs. Blessed are politicians who refuse to demonize their opponents. Blessed are carpenters who won't cut corners. Blessed are restaurant cooks who save food for street people. Blessed are doctors who care for Gazan children shot in the head. Blessed are those just getting by who rely on Christian Neighbors for clothing and food. Blessed are police officers who feed stray dogs and cats. Blessed is the one who says no to fentanyl. Blessed are Central American border crossers seeking a better and safer life in the good ole USofA. Blessed is the nurse who holds the hand of the scared woman ready to get an abortion. Blessed are those in this cozy sanctuary who do the seemingly impossible with grace and ease. Jesus says, "Trust me! Your hunger will be filled and your thirst will be satisfied."

Homily **Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness**
Rev. Dan Plasman

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Offering and Offertory *Get Ready My Soul/Higher Place*
By Daniel Nahmod
Nancy Plantinga

Joys and Concerns • Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God! **Many: Alleluia!**
One: O God, **Many: Hear our prayer.**

***Doxology** *Song of Praise*

Creator of this great land we adore you.
Renewer of your people hear our praise.
Transformer of all life, you often take us by surprise,
Continue to be present in life-giving ways, Great God.

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 and praise.**

Song of Preparation *Holy is the Refugee*

(Join songleader after verse)
Singing holy, holy, holy God who made us in their likeness;
Holy ev'rybody, breath and soul,
Singing holy, holy, holy God who made us in their likeness;
holy ev'rybody, breath and soul, breath and soul,
ev'rybody, breath and soul, breath and soul, ev'rybody, breath and soul.

***Sharing of the Bread and Cup** (*gluten-free option, non-alcoholic juice in trays*)

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

We Will End this Service in the Memorial Garden

Please plan to head to the Memorial Garden after you take communion, taking your music handout with you.

***Closing Hymn** *Amazing Grace/Handout*



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Prayer List

Carol Plowe (Gregg Plowe and Steve Debbink's mother); Wayne Titus II (Wayne Titus III's Dad); Barbara Lindsay (Lewis Corbin's Bridge Partner); Rev. Marchiene Rienstra Family; Karen Clement (Friend of Debra Carr's); Ann and Jim Hopkins; Sally LaRowe (Linda Charvat's friend); Janice Campbell children & grandchildren (Pete Wehle's friends); James Higgins (Friend of Shane Anderson and Michael Tuleja), Joe Scarpone (Friend of Tom Fahlstrom); Fred Hamlin; Carol Brown and Dan McGavin; John Kerr; Dave and Shirley Lawson; Ruth Fahlstrom (daughter of Tom Fahlstrom); Nancy Grib (Friend of Pamela Chappell); Stuart Family; Mary Westenbroek; Jerry Elpers and family (Beth Howley's Dad); Edie Plantinga (Nancy's Mom); Max Matteson; Eric Cooley (Jo Cooley's brother)

Birthdays

October 30: Pat Denner

November 1: Jeff Spangler and Parick Blasco

Anniversaries

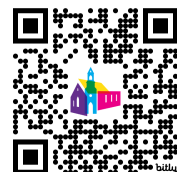
October 31: Loran Atkinson & Gary Nicodemus

Weekly Financial Stewardship Report

for October 20, 2024

Attendance: **86** Viewers: **109**

Collection Plate/Mail:	\$3,827.00
Online Giving:	\$3,014.38
Total:	\$6,841.38



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God Who Is Life

Opening Song

Shirley Murray

Ron Klusmeier



1. God who is life, breath of our breath, give to us all__ our
2. God of the poor, God of the rich, o - pen our hands to
3. Life giv - ing God, bless our good earth, bless sun and rain__ to

7



dai - ly bread! Je - sus the Christ taught us to pray for jus - tice
share our bread! Je - sus the Christ of - fers us food, break - ing the
grow our bread! Je - sus the Christ, dy - ing for peace, teach us how

14



and right - eous - ness to day. While hun - ger__ cries,
com - mon loaf of bread, chal - leng - ing__ powers,
life__ is more than bread. Though pow'r en - trance,

19



where jus - tice dies beg - ging bowl chil - dren crowd, un - fed,
greed that de - vours, sys - tems where scrap - heap lives are led,
though dol - lars dance, trad - ing in war - fare, death and dread,

25



God who is__ life, breath of our breath give to us all__ our
God of the poor, God of the rich, o - pen our hands to
life giv - ing God, bless our good earth, lead - us to jus - tice

31



dai - ly bread.
share our bread.

peace and bread. Life giv - ing God,

37



Bless our good earth lead us to jus - tice peace and bread.

Amazing Grace

Closing Song

George Stuart

Traditional



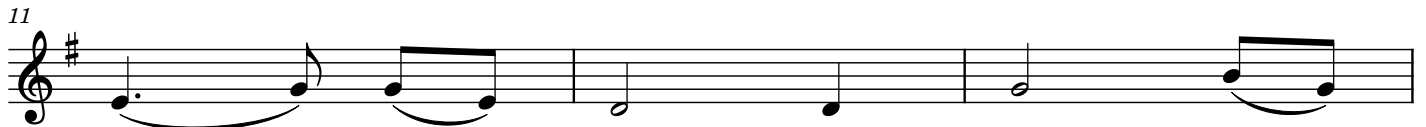
A - ma - zing Grace; it gives us
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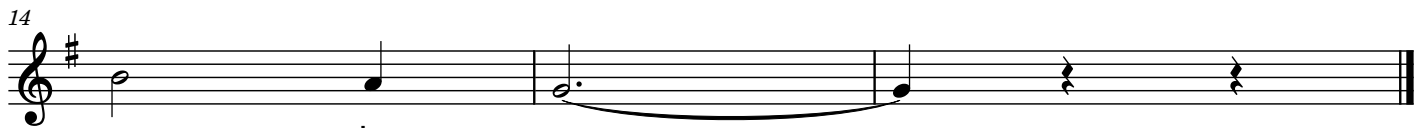
birth, to each and ev - 'ry one;
 strength to strug - gle with our pain;
 love when all seems deep des - pair;
 life, In grace we all are blessed



— This pre - cious gift of
 — To rise and stand, to
 — Com - pas - sion shown by
 — In Grace we live, in



life to live, This race for
 forge a head In sun shine
 friends who weep Is wealth be
 Grace we die, In grace we



us to run.
 and in rain.
 -yond com - pare.
 find our rest.