

**June 27, 2021**

*I've been meaning to ask... where are you from?*

RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAND

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: We are from the north and south.  
**C: We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.**  
L: We are from this town or city and from others far away.  
**C: We are from big families and dinners made for one.**  
L: We are from stages of grief and stages of love.  
**C: We are from hot summers and cold winters.**  
L: We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,  
and from porches with old, familiar swings.  
**C: We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.**  
L: We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.  
**C: Today we are together.**  
L: Holy God, gather us in.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: If we were to call the prayer of confession by another name, I would call it a moment of truth telling – a moment to pause, to reflect, to be honest about the places we want to grow and the way we need God's help.

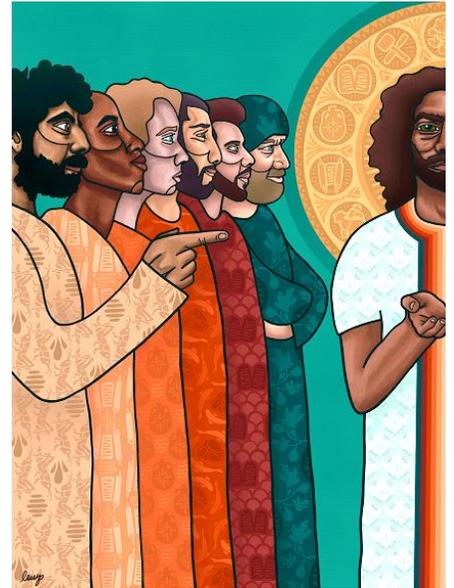
Family of faith, there is power in honesty. So pray with me.

We worship a loving and gracious God.

When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth,

They asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

- C: We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question.**  
P: Can anything good come from our town?  
**C: From a school with challenging test scores?**  
P: From a criminal history?  
**C: From the opposite political party?**  
P: From a history of addiction?  
**C: From a faith with doubt?**  
P: From a church with faults?  
**C: Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all things at all times. Open our eyes to see the goodness, not as something that resides here or there, but as the expansive grace that is.**



P: Can anything good come from here?

**C: Yes. Always yes. Amen.**

P: Family of faith, if you ever ask yourself, “Can anything good come from this messy and human life of mine?” Remember this: God is always whispering, “Yes.” You are created in the image of God. Your origin story is one of the goodness and love from the very beginning. So hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

**C: God is here. God is at work among us. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

**Holy God, I don't always know how to pray, but you find me anyway, I don't always know how to listen, but you are in my ears all the same. I don't always know how to believe, but you surround me with beauty and I find myself held together in love. Where I come from there are so many distractions. Where I come from there is so much noise. Find me. Hold me. Be in these words. Help me hear. Amen.**

*SIT*

CHILDREN'S WORD

READING – GENESIS 2:4B-15

God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup> when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; <sup>6</sup> but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup> then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground,<sup>[b]</sup> and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup> Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup> A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; <sup>12</sup> and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup> The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.  
HERE ENDS THE READING.

*STAND*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *SPOKEN*

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

**All: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 1:35-49

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*\* Cong. – please read all bold lines**

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, **“Look, the Lamb of God!”** <sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, **“What do you want?” They said,**

**“Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”** <sup>39</sup>**“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”** So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. **Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).** <sup>43</sup> **The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”** <sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” **Nathaniel said to him, “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Philip said to him “Come and see.”** <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” <sup>48</sup> “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Then Nathanael declared, **“Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel!”** P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD **All: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

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SERMON: Pastor Julie Rogness

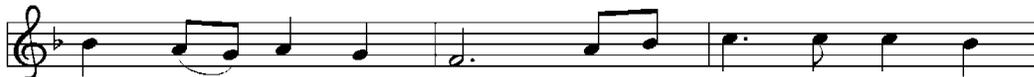
**HYMN: All Are Welcome ELW # 641 vss. 1,3,5**



**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions**



**live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as**



**hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and**



**vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -**



**Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
claim from floor to raf - ter:**



**all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that goodness can come from the dirt, that faith can come from doubt, that minds can be changed, that justice can begin with us, and that something good can come from Nazareth. We believe all these things, because we believe that God is more expansive than we have words for – showing up in the corners of our world so often ignored and denied. We believe that from this place of holy surprise, God invites us forward – beckoning hope, bravery, and curiosity from each of us. “Come and see,” God says. We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE & GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church.  
Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

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## OFFERING OF GIFTS

## PRAYERS

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P: Jesus said to his disciples, “Come and see.” He didn’t reference checking them before extending the invitation. He didn’t ask them a series of questions to prove themselves. He didn’t quiz them on temple attendance or Torah knowledge. There was no prerequisite to being invited, they just were.

Friends, the same goes for you. Whether you have been coming to this Table for years, or if this is your first time – you are invited here. Whether you come with a faith that could move mountain, or a seedling-sized faith still growing – you are invited here. And whether you come confident in the knowledge that you were made by God, or if you are still seeking to trust that good news – you are invited here. All of you – your faith, your doubt, your hope, your fear – all of you is invited here.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD’S PRAYER

## COMMUNION – COMMUNION BLESSING

**HYMN:      *In Christ There is No East or West*                      **ELW # 650**                      **PUBLIC DOMAIN****

- 1      In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2      In Christ shall true hearts ev’rywhere their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.**
- 3      Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate’er your race may be.  
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**
- 4      In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.**

## BLESSING

P: Family of faith, as you leave this place may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak the truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to chose love, even when it's hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you.

**All: Amen.**

## *RINGING OF BELL*

DISMISSAL L: In the name of the Great Connector – Love itself – go in peace.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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### **PARTICIPANTS**

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### **C A L E N D A R**

Sun/June 27	9 am	WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed
Sun/June 27	7 pm	AA
Tue/June 29	7 pm	KAI
Wed/June 30	6 pm	WED WORSHIP
Thu/July 1	7 pm	AA
Sun/July 4	9 am	WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed

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