

## **10:55 ALIVE WORSHIP SERVICE**

January 15, 2023

### **\*\*GOD CALLS US TOGETHER\*\***

#### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

##### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let justice roll down like a mighty stream.

**Let peace flourish like flowering dogwood.**

Let truth stand as a mighty oak.

**Let hope rise like yeast in bread.**

Let kindness reign from shore to shore.

**Let our words and deeds dance in compassionate harmony.**

Let our songs be sung from the mountains to the seas,

**Songs of God's love for each one and songs of justice for all.**

**GATHERING SONG**      "Mighty is our God"

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty, eternal God, before whom nations rise and fall, we have forgotten your desire for a world at peace, living in justice and harmony. We have wandered from the paths of peace and listened to the stories of fear and distrust. We have taken refuge behind walls and promises that weapons would protect us. We have forgotten your powerful, persistent ways of loving, caring, forgiving, setting free.

**Have mercy upon us, and let your forgiveness and peace renew us like water in a desert, as we retreat to a quiet place renewed by Jesus. Amen.**

##### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**SONG**      "I Surrender All"

### **\*\*GOD SPEAKS TO US\*\***

**THE FIRST READING:**      1 Corinthians 1:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and

knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**GOSPEL READING:**

John 9:29-42

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<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." <sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Good News of God for all people.

**We have heard your Good News.**

**SERMON**

*"The Rock Meets Jesus"*

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**SERMON SONG**

"Hands of the Potter"

**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**We believe God is our shield, who saves the upright in heart.**

**We believe God has made a new covenant, as promised by his prophet, "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

**We believe that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. We believe that out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.**

**We believe that, according to the riches of his glory, God will grant that we may be strengthened in our inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Lord meet us in the silence...And hear our prayers.**

**Amen.**

### **\*\*GOD FEEDS US IN A MEAL\*\***

#### **PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION**

Jesus gathered his closest friends and followers for a final meal before his death. We also share in this same meal with the same deep promises. Bread and wine and grape juice, we hear Jesus' words...

**"Do this and remember me."**

Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and blessed it. He broke it, shared it, and gave it away. Then he said:

**This is me; this is my body; this is my gift for you and for all.**

Then he took the cup of wine. He gave thanks and blessed it. He poured it out, shared it, and gave it away. Then he said:

**This is me; this is my lifeblood; this is my gift of love, hope, healing, and forgiveness for all.**

In this meal God takes and receives us. God gives thanks for us and blesses us. God then shares us and gives us away. And says:

**You are my body, You are my love, my healing, and my grace for the world.  
Amen.**

#### **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 and ever. Amen.**

***Come to the table of our Lord.***

**COMMUNION SONG**

“Breathe”

**\*\*GOD EMPOWERS AND SENDS US\*\***

**BLESSING**

Be forever blessed,

**Forever loved,**

Forever cradled in God’s arms,

**Forever called by name.**

Go, knowing God’s grace,

**Sharing God’s peace,**

Living God’s justice,

**Bearing God’s blessing to all.**

**SENDING SONG**

“If We Are the Body”

**SENDING**

Go in peace, serve the Lord, and be dangerous!

**Thanks be to God!**