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And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship -9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *Though much is made of the smallness of the mustard seed, the focus of Jesus is on outcome—the plant that becomes large enough to give nest and shade to all the birds of the air. The kingdom of God seems small and even irrelevant in the face of large problems, challenges, and problems of this mortal life, and yet it is the kingdom of God that is great. God gives to us the forgiveness that makes a clear conscience, the life that is stronger than death, and the joy that is greater than every joy this world can deliver. In this way, the small seed makes for a great plant, large enough for us to find refuge and a home in its shade. How the kingdom of God grows may seem part of the mystery, but we know that it is a seed planted in the good soil and fed and nourished by God's grace to the day when the harvest delivers us into His presence forevermore.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here [v. 1-4]

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1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com -
2 Your com - mand is clear and plain, And we would o -
3 There - fore we have come to You, In our arms this
4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your



mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near
bey it du - ly; "You must all be born a - gain,
in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;
lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it
Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter
May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be
Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let



shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.
and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."
shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.
noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.

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♩ SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

[Baptism of Valeska Rhea Renzelman]

♩ HYMN *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here* [v. 5]

5. Now into Your heart we pour prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav'nward soar; may our hearts' desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given; write it in the book of heaven!

INVOCATION

Ⓟ *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Ⓒ **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Ⓟ *Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;*

Ⓒ **for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

[Silence for self-examination.]

Ⓟ *Holy and gracious God,*

Ⓒ **I confess that I have sinned against You, in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have not done. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, I ask forgiveness and pray You to deliver and restore me by Your mercy. Amen.**

Ⓟ *Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Ⓒ **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalms 92:12–15; antiphon: v. 1

Ⓟ *It is good to give thanks to the LORD,*

Ⓒ **to sing praises to your name, O Most High.**

Ⓟ *The righteous flourish like the palm tree*

Ⓒ **and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

Ⓟ *They are planted in the house of the LORD;*

Ⓒ **they flourish in the courts of our God.**

Ⓟ *They still bear fruit in old age;*

Ⓒ **they are ever full of sap and green,**

Ⓟ *to declare that the LORD is upright;*

Ⓒ **he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

All: Glory be 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.

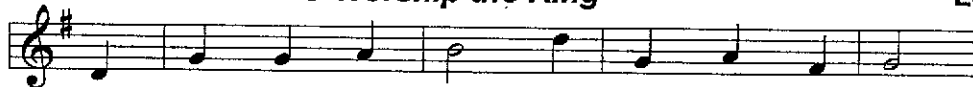
P *It is good to give thanks to the LORD,*

G *to sing praises to your name, O Most High.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

O Worship the King

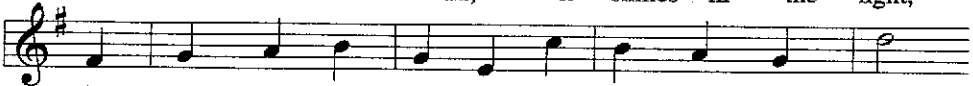
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1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of - old,
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust
and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust,
nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend!

6. O measureless Might,
ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to Thy praise.

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SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

G *And also with you.*

P *Let us pray.*

All: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may

embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 17:22–24

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Word of the Lord.* **G** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:1–10

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Word of the Lord.* **G** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

2 Peter 3:18a

All: Alleluia. Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26–34

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.*

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

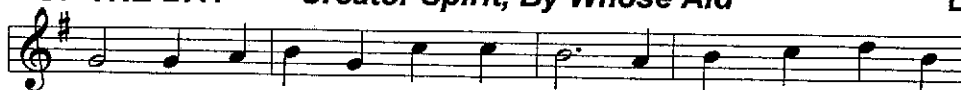
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P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.* **G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

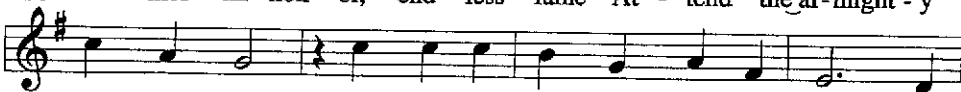
HYMN OF THE DAY

Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid

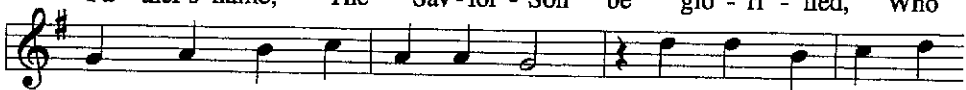
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1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to
△ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And
Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who



pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that
for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -

(continued)



set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
 mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.
 we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
 clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise. Amen.

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SERMON "THE KINGDOM OF THE MUSTARD SEED" Mark 4:26-34

- I. Like a mustard seed, the Kingdom of God appears weak and insignificant.
- II. But just as a mustard seed grows into a large plant, God is at work in Word and Sacrament to grow His Kingdom, the Church.

♩ APOSTLE'S CREED

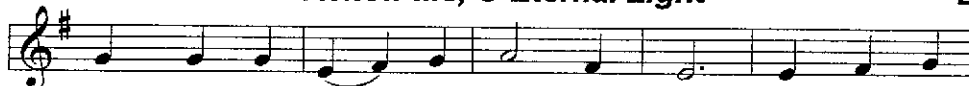
☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

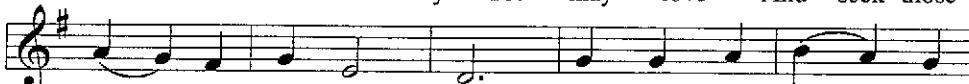
OFFERTORY

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

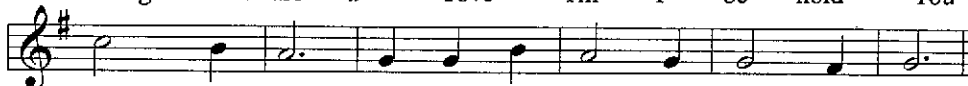
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1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
 2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
 4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
 my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
 I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
 strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
 my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people as they have need. Give patience to Your Church, to her ministers, and to all of us, Your people, that we trust in Your Word and promise when eyes do not see Your hand at work; and when hearts are tempted to anxiety and fear, grant that we know the fullness of Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Make us to be good soil so that the seed of Your Word planted in us may grow, flourish, and bear the good fruit You desire. Bless the work of all pastors, missionaries, and church workers who serve us in Your name that their ministry to us bear good fruit. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Give to our president, Congress, and all leaders the wisdom to govern according to Your Word and commands that they prove worthy of the trust we have placed in them. Bring the nations to peace, and equip us to be good and responsible citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Give relief to the suffering, healing to the sick, peace to the troubled, and comfort to those who grieve, [especially . . .], and bless them with patience and endurance until You deliver them from their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Help us to be good stewards of Your creation, to share what You have supplied with those in need, and to support the work of Your Church in her mission here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *All things are Yours, heavenly Father, and You have promised to supply them to us as we need and when we need them. Help us to pray with confident hearts, trusting that You will provide for us all things needful and deliver us from all things harmful, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*
- C** **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.**

BENEDICTION

- P** *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you His peace.*
- C** **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

- P** *Go in peace! Serve the Lord!*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

On What Has Now Been Sown

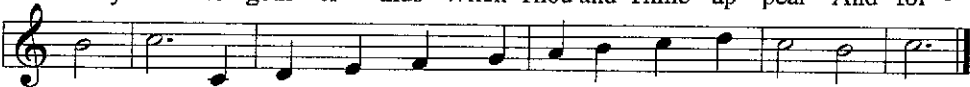
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1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Julie Williams]

POSTLUDE

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

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Altar Guild Elsie Leiker & Marisa Showalter
Elder on Duty Doug Harder
Counter Carl Kurth
Greeter Lisa Axford
Lay Reader Betty Adam
Organist / Music Director Beth Buss
Service Web Recorder Robert Showalter
Service Live Streaming Renee Ortado
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