

Prelude: “Abinger” by Robert Lind Tom Skyler, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Patti Welch

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Gathering Hymn: “God is Here” Red hymnal no. 526

Prayer of the Day:

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Anthem: “Draw Me Nearer” by William Doane/arr. Jack Schrader Rejoice Choir

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21 Barbara Roady, reader
Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel Acclamation: “We Are Turning” Red hymnal pg. 205b

**“We are turning, Lord to hear you; you are merciful and kind:
slow to anger, rich in blessings, and with love to us inclined”**

Gospel: John 12:1-8

Pastor Beth Brashear

Sermon Pastor Beth Brashear

Sermon hymn: “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts” Red hymnal no. 658

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People

Prayer leader: Karen Stabeno

The Offering

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory: “Auf ein Altes Bild” (At the Cross) by Hugo Wolf Stephanie Schoap, solo
Leslie Gott, piano

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

First Communion for Reese Bauer, Henry and Juliet Burke, Girard Harvieux,
Ani and Thatcher Hopp, Everett Keller, and Henry Nelson.

During Distribution

“O Lamb of God” (ELW Setting 10) Red hymnal **pg. 208**

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People” Red hymnal no. **469**

“I Am the Bread of Life” Red hymnal no. **485**

Organ Meditation Tom Skyler

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice. our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Benediction

