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Welcome (No Announcements) (Kathy)

*Introduction of self and mention of the mission of Morning Star:
Our mission is to point people to the grace of God found in Jesus
Christ.*

Call to Worship (Kathy)

Who is ready to worship?

We are so ready! We are more than ready!

Let us bring our hearts and minds to worship the Living God.

Let us praise God, our Creator.

God created the whole world and called it good.

God will help us care for the world and each other.

Let us worship God with childlike joy.

We are so ready! We are more than ready!

Peace (Kathy)

Let's greet each other with the love and hope of Jesus.

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Song: Let the Praises Ring

Song: In God We Trust

Children's Moment (Amy)

Scripture Reading (Amy)

Genesis 6-9: The Storybook Bible

Before long, people started fighting and hurting one another terribly. God wept that they were not enjoying the lovely earth he had made. Finally, he said, "I must make a new beginning. I will send a flood to cover the whole earth." But one man named Noah was kind and did what was right. God told Noah to build a big boat called an ark. Then God said, "Gather all your family and two of every kind of animal, bird, and insect." God sent the rain, and Noah led everyone into the ark. For forty days and forty nights it rained so hard that the water covered even the highest mountains. Boy, did it smell inside the ark! And the noise! The ROARing and the BAAing, the NEIGHing and the MOOing! But—amazingly—everyone got along. Yes, even the lion lay down with the lamb. At last the rain stopped. Noah sent out a dove in search of land. When the bird returned with an olive leaf, Noah and his family cheered. Noah thanked God for saving them. God told Noah, "I promise not to send another flood to cover the whole earth." And God made a beautiful rainbow so people would never forget his promise.

Lord's Prayer (Amy)

**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.
Amen.**

Sermon: The Big Flood (Amy)

Series: The Stories that Made Us: A Childlike Look at Stories of Faith (4 / 5)

Pastoral Prayer (Amy)

*Gracious and Loving God,
In the beginning, your spirit hovered over the face of the waters.
There has not been a time when you have abandoned us.
As we sit here now, the Bible stories we learned as children about
great floods have gained new meaning in our lives. We are
reminded that, throughout history, you have been faithful to bring
your people through floods and across deep rivers.*

*As we sit here in the safety of this sanctuary, we are reminded of
the countless people who are now without shelter of their own,
without the provision that they need. Rain down your comfort and
peace on those in need. In the months that come, bring healing to
the brokenhearted.*

*We pray that you will bring out the best of humanity, O Lord,
through the crises that we face. May the hearts of all be softened
as we look beyond all the trivial issues which have divided us, and
reach for ways to care for one another with your great love. Let the
softening of hearts begin within us right now.*

*When we are faced with storms in our own life, whether it be literal
storms or the pains of illness, grief, depression, hurt or loneliness,
remind us of your faithfulness. You promise that when we pass
through the deep waters, you will be with us. Forgive us when we
neglect to depend on you.*

*We praise you that, from the beginning, you have been the source
of living water for us. With hope from you we can dance in the
storms.*

As your people, lead us to acts of mercy and compassion. Help us to make justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Well up within us, O Water of Life.. Amen.

Offering (Amy)

Song: Oceans

Holy Communion (Amy)

A participation in this holy meal begins with a reminder that the invitation to the table comes from Christ because this table belongs to Christ. All are welcome to participate in God's grace in these moments because not one of us is in need of God's enduring love any less or any more than another. It is on this common ground that we can find footing to be bold and vulnerable enough to confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

{Silence.}

Let us pray. {Pause}

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

**We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition. We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

In the grace of this forgiveness, we give thanks for the mighty acts of God.

You are holy, Almighty One!
Blessed are you, Jesus Christ!
In the power of the Spirit
you created all things, blessed them, and called them good.

You called to yourself a people
To make your mercy and truth known in all the world.
We betrayed your calling;
You were faithful.

We wandered from the way;
You called us to return, and led us home.
And still we turned from your ways,
Misused your gifts,

and made ourselves captive to sin and death.
By your grace, you came and dwelt among us,
as one of us, bringing good news to the poor,

healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the
unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life.

By your incarnation, life, suffering,
execution and resurrection
You gave birth to your church,

delivered us from ourselves
and made a new covenant with us
by water and the Spirit.

Prayer of Consecration

We ask you to bless this bread and this cup.
Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, that we may join
with you in promoting the well-being of all creation. Amen.

And so, today, we remember the night that Jesus was betrayed.
As he celebrated the Passover meal with his friends, he took bread,
blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said,

"This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

He did the same with the cup after the supper, saying,
"This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this in remembrance of me."

Beloved:

This is the body of Christ, broken for you.

(The bread is served, followed by a moment of silent reflection.)

This is the cup of salvation, poured out for you.

(The bread is served, followed by a moment of silent reflection.)

Thanks be to God. Amen.

In this live moment of God's grace, may we recognize once again that we who are many are one body, redeemed by the blood of the same Christ. Let us pray . . .

**We give thanks, loving God,
that you have refreshed us at your table.
Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another.
As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then
became bread, may we go out into the world to plant seeds of
justice, transformation, and hope. Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith (Amy)

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Song: Great Things

Announcements (Kathy)

Announcements of 3 upcoming events.

Benediction (Amy)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you would abound in hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit." Amen.

— Romans 15:13