

CALL TO WORSHIP

WEEK A:

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: Let us say it again: Rejoice.

Leader: Whatever is true, just, and pleasing, think about these things,

People: and the God of peace will be with you.

*****WEEK B:

AUGUST 2

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down.

People: Let us call upon God and listen for God's voice.

Leader: The Lord declares:

People: Be still and know that I am God.

WEEK C:

Leader: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

People: Come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: Worship the Eternal One in the beauty of holiness.

People: God draws near to the humble.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

Please stand as you are able when the hymn is announced.

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. [Silent prayers]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE ("GLORIA"): HYMN 583

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Please greet your neighbors, saying, "Peace be with you."

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives,
his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.
He took them and sent them across the stream,
and likewise everything that he had.
Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.
When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob,
he struck him on the hip socket,
and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.
Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking."
But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."
So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."
Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,
for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed."
Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."
But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?"
And there he blessed him.
So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying,
"For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved."
The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this,
he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself.
But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.
When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd,
and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.
When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said,
"This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late;
send the crowds away
so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."
Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They
replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."
And he said, "Bring them here to me."
Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.
Taking the five loaves and the two fish,
he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves
and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
And all ate and were filled,
and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.
And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 157

I Danced in the Morning

Please stand as you are able when the hymn is announced.

SERMON

“Take, Bless, Break, Give”

Rev. Dr. Brian C. Snyder

THE APOSTLES’ CREED: PAGE 35 in the hymnal. *Please stand as you are able.*

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 Ghost,
born of the virgin, Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER: PAGE 35 in the hymnal.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS & GIFTS OF SELF

OFFERTORY / SPECIAL MUSIC

SUNG RESPONSE (“DOXOLOGY”):

HYMN 606 (gendered) or 607 (non-gendered) *Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

Please stand as you are able when the hymn is announced.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE