



Opening Worship

Honoring 50+ years of Ordained Women

Thursday, June 2, 2022 | 10am

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

NC Synod Gathering Opening Worship

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Prelude

Welcome

Congregation stands, as able.

Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader: For 50+ years of women's ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its predecessor bodies. For the vocations of pastor, deacon, and bishop, for those who lead churches and faith communities, for those women of the NC Synod, for those whose life work is evangelical witness in word and deed,

All: We rejoice and give thanks to God.

Leader: For the Black, Indigenous, Women of color and LGBTQIA+ pastors who have been called by God to serve this church, for the vibrancy they bring, the wisdom they share, and the Word they proclaim,

All: We rejoice and give thanks to God.

Leader: For those who are discerning a call to serve Christ's church, for those who are in candidacy, and for those in their internship congregations. For all the ways women have pushed this church in new directions; for the distinctive gifts each woman brings, from her culture, her gender, her sexuality and far beyond,

All: We rejoice and give thanks to God.

Leader: For the witness of Mary Magdalene, the dance of Miriam, the hospitality of Lydia, the prayer of Mary, the discernment of Deborah, the courage of Rahab, and the faithfulness of our biblical foremothers,

All: We rejoice and give thanks to God.

Leader: Gracious and living God, we rejoice and give you thanks for your power on display throughout time and place, calling all kinds of people to be witnesses to your grace and power. We celebrate how the Spirit has blessed your church through the work of women and girls, including in this time and place. Guide us, as your people, into welcoming your prophets and teachers among us and hearing Christ's good news through them. With gratitude, we pray.

All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn & Procession of Women Clergy: God Who Writes All People's Story

Sung to the tune of CWM RHONDDA ("God of Grace and God of Glory")

1. God who writes all people's story,
Yours the glory in this hour;
In the Spirit's inventory,
Women can hold preaching pow'r.
Ours the dancing, ours the singing
for rejoicing in this hour,
for rejoicing in this hour.
2. Miriam sang of your salvation,
Dancing at the Red Sea's shore.
Healing grace brought new creation,
faithful sister bled no more.
God is faithful, we are grateful
for God's work in history,
for God's work in history.
3. God, your love gives gifts of speaking
prophecy and truth to pow'r;
Open hearts of all who're seeking,
to be found by you this hour.
Stronger witness, stronger mercy,
Be the story that we live,
Be the story that we live.
4. In this world, you love our siblings
Found in every race and clan.
Jesus shown in many faces,
Word for all since time began.
Male and female, male and female,
One in Christ to share God's love,
One in Christ to share God's love.

Words: Julia Seymour, Tune: John Hughes

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Let us come before God, who already knows our hearts and welcomes our humility.
Loving God,

**All: Our thoughts, our words, and our deeds are an open book to you.
You have seen where we fall short.
You know where we have strayed as individuals and as your church.
In your mercy, forgive us and guide us into right ways of being—
Ways of welcome, paths of mercy, habits of grace—
So that we may live renewed in the joy of our salvation,
prepared, equipped, and ready to meet Christ in our neighbors and in your creation.
Amen.**

Leader: God's ways are not our ways and God's thoughts are not our thoughts.
Before we were made, God brought creation out of nothing and peace out of chaos.
In this same love, God unyokes you from sin and binds you to a new life and new living in
Jesus Christ. Be glad and rejoice. The kingdom of God is yours.

All: Amen.

Kyrie eleison (ELW 151 Lord, Have Mercy)

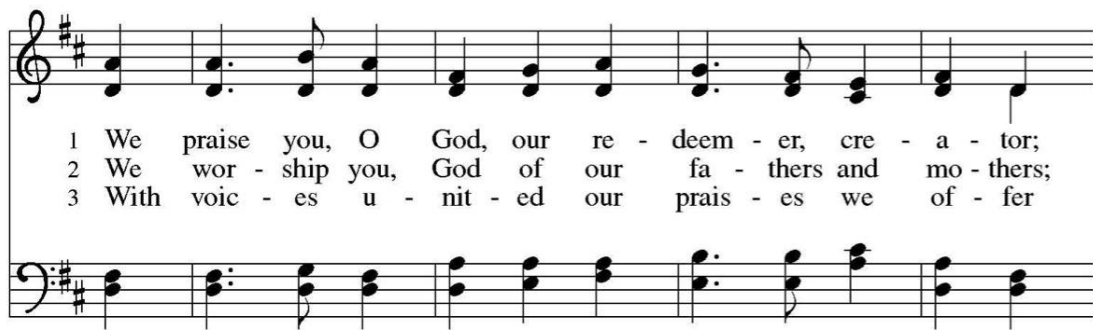
Sung in Greek

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Music: Dinah Reindorf

Hymn of Praise: ELW 870 We Praise You, O God



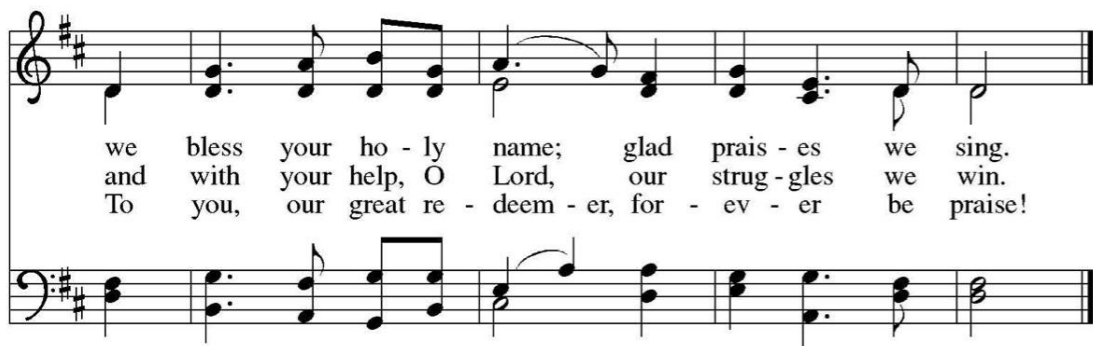
1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Words: Julia C. Cory, Music: A. Valerius

Prayer of the Day

Leader: Most high God, you know our whole truth and you give us refuge in the shadow of your wings. Continue to raise up girls and women to serve Christ's church and strengthen all in the vocations to which you call us. And at the last, gather us with Miriam and the saints to dance on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Congregation is seated.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter said, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: Word of God, word of life

All: Thanks be to God

Congregation stands, as able.

Gospel Acclamation (ACS, p. 14)

Sung first time in Spanish, second time in English

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris 'n in - deed.

Music: José Ruiz

Gospel: John 20:1-18

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying. Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing

there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You, O Christ

Congregation is seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

Hymn of the Day: ACS 1002 Holy Woman, Graceful Giver

Congregation stands, as able, at the conclusion of the introduction.



1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,
 2 How the fra - grance filled the dwell - ing! How the
 3 Lov - ing - ly Christ stilled the scoff - er who would
 4 Though dis - dained or though con - test - ed, acts of



ser - vant, and be - liev - er, Mar - y with the oint - ment
 act of beau - ty well - ing, blest all those with - in the
 grasp - ing guard the cof - fer, point - ing to a hid - den
 love are nev - er wast - ed: beau - ty is a face of



jar, sought by Christ, by scorn un - daunt - ed, knelt in
 place! How the act of pure de - vo - tion, whis - p'ring
 trove: not all trea - sures gain and pro - fit, feed the
 God. Grace - ful Mar - y, by your giv - ing, you have



love, his feet a - noint - ed for his com - ing bur - ial
 of his com - ing pas - sion, blest the heart of Christ with
 poor, and feed the spir - it acts of beau - ty, acts of
 shown a way of liv - ing: acts of beau - ty, love, and



hour, for his com - ing bur - ial hour.
 grace, blest the heart of Christ with grace!
 love, acts of beau - ty, acts of love.
 good, acts of beau - ty, love, and good.

Creed

All: We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability
and onto the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully
and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.
Amen.

Words: From the Iona Community in Scotland

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

For the visible unity of the church, and for ongoing dialogue between church bodies that do not agree on the ordination of women, LGBTQIA+, or non-binary siblings. For lay people, who do vital work through church ministries of hospitality, outreach, teaching, music and dance.

All: God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Leader: For women and girls around the world who are ostracized from their communities for any reason, or treated as less than children of God. For those whose hard work is rarely praised and whose names are forgotten though their work lives on. God, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into your hands, most high God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that your steadfast love is greater than the heavens and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

All: **Amen.**

Peace

Leader: God has given us the gift of reconciliation, therefore let us be reconciled to God and one another in the passing of the peace. The Peace of Christ be with you always!

All: **And also with you.**

*The people may greet each other with a sign of peace.
The congregation is seated.*

Offering

Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services (LIRS) will be the recipient of today's offering.

Music During the Offering: Spirit, Open My Heart

Sung by NC Synod Gathering Choir

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. *Refrain*

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. *Refrain*

May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of friend and neighbor.
As I live from day to day,
love will be my finest labor. *Refrain*

Words: Ruth Duck, Music: Alfred Fedek

Offering Response: ACS 961 Come to the Table

Sung by all, standing as able, following choir's lead

Part I
Come to the ta - ble, come to the ta - ble.

Part II
Come one, come all. Come one, come all.

All is now read - y, come one and all. Come, oh, come.

Come one, come all. Come one, come all.

Words and Music: Jennifer Baker-Trinity

Offertory Prayer

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have blessed us with our bodies, our minds, our hearts, our communities, and the resources of this earth. Lead us and guide us to use these gifts in accordance with your will, for the sake of the one who is with us to the end, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Dialogue

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Santo, Santo, Santo / Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus, ACS 1089)


Sung first time in Spanish, second time in English



San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,



. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.



Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to_e-res, oh Dios.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Words: Traditional, Music: Argentine traditional

Thanksgiving at the Table

Leader: All praise to you, glorious God of grace.
Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith.
With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life.
With Ruth, we praise you for family and food.
With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe.
Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets.
Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water.
Remembering Junia, we thank you for
those who minister among your people.
One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.
With Mary, we magnify your name:

Genesis 18:12

Ruth 4:13

Exodus 15:21

Judges 4:4-5

John 4:29

Romans 16:7

Mark 5:21-43

Luke 1:46

**All: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

Leader: Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal.
Living, he healed the bleeding woman;
dying, he cared for his mother;
risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

Luke 10:38-39

Mark 5:29

John 19:26-27

John 20:14-18

On the night before he died, he took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With Mary, again we magnify your name:

**All: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

Leader: Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us.
Send your Spirit on this bread and wine,
that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world.
Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe,
we serve one another with zeal.
Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy.
Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and
needy. With Mary, once more we magnify your name:

1 Samuel 1:27

Romans 16:1

Luke 2:38

Acts 9:40-41

**All: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

Leader: All praise to you, powerful God of peace.
We adore you, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you who mother and feed and comfort us,
today, tomorrow, and forever.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

All: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.

Words: from the *New Zealand Prayer Book*

Invitation to Communion

Leader: Come to the table. Be made well, and live.

Congregation is seated.

Music During Communion: ELW 198 O Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Music: Mabel Wu

Music During Communion: ELW 375 Alleluia! Christ is Arisen



Refrain/Estribillo
 ¡A - le - lu - ya! Cris - to re - su - ci - tó
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.



de ma - dru - ga - da el do - min - go.
 Bright is the dawn-ing of the Lord's day.



1 Fue - ron mu - jer - es al se - pul - cro. La pie - dra, un
 1 Run, faith - ful wom - en, to the grave - side. Mar - vel, the
 2 Rise, Mag - da - len - a, from your weep - ing; Christ stands be -
 3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning: sud - den - ly
 4 Thom - as, where were you on that eve - ning? "I'll not be -



án - gel re - mo - vió; les di - jo: "Ha re - su - ci -
 stone is rolled a - way! Hear from the an - gel, "He is
 fore your ver - y eyes. Quick - ly re - turn to the dis -
 Christ your Lord ap - pears. "Look, it is I, your wound - ed
 lieve un - less I see." Christ comes a - gain, and ev - 'ry



ta - do." Y al ir - se, les sa - lió el Se - ñor.
 ris - en." Christ goes be - fore you all the way.
 ci - ples; bear the good news: "He is a - live."
 Sav - ior. Peace be with you, and do not fear."
 Lord's day: "Touch me and see; have faith in me."

Refrain/Estribillo

2 La Magdalena fue a llorarlo
 y Cristo se le apareció;
 le pidió ir a sus hermanos
 con un encargo que le dio. Estribillo

3 A los discípulos, de tarde,
 Cristo también se presentó.
 Les enseñó las cinco heridas;
 dando la paz los saludó. Estribillo

4 Tomás no estaba en ese encuentro;
 y ver, pidió, para creer.
 Cristo volvió, le dijo: "Mira,
 palpa mi herida y ten fe." Estribillo

Music During Communion: ELW 638 Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Words: Fanny Crosby, Music: Phoebe P. Knapp

Congregation stands, as able.

Prayer After Communion

Leader: Holy and healing God, In this meal, you have given us your very self to eat, and you have made us one in Christ: there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female. As we go forth from this place, take us by the hand and free us from fear, that we might sing your praise with our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.


All: **Amen.**

Blessing


Leader: May the joy of God's freedom cause your spirit to dance; May the presence of God's peace bring wholeness to your body and mind. May God give you blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. In the name of God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn: ELW 548 Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen




All 1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
All 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
Choir 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
All 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
God has called us to re - ceive;
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;




may we through such love en - vi - sion
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
to re - lease and to con - sole.
Spir - it - ed then let us live.
from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Leading Worship

Presider: The Rev. Emily Hartner

Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

Participants: The Rev. Nikkeya Berryhill
The Rev. Jennifer Shimota
The Rev. Alice Johnson Curl
The Rev. Adrienne Martin

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Choir Director: Tawny Homesley

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