



Closing Worship

Saturday, June 4, 2022 | 2pm

Lenoir-Rhyne University Grace Chapel

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Prelude

Welcome

Congregation stands, as able.

Litany of Praise

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come;

All: and sustain us with your gifts.

Leader: The spirit of wisdom;

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: The spirit of understanding;

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: The spirit of counsel;

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: The spirit of might;

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: The spirit of knowledge;

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: The spirit of the fear of the Lord;

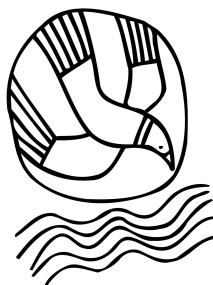
All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: The spirit of joy in your presence;

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come;

All: and sustain us with your gifts.



Gathering Hymn: ACS 944 O Spirit All-Embracing



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Words: Delores Dufner, OSB; Music: Gustav Holst

Greeting

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast

Refrain

Assisting minister

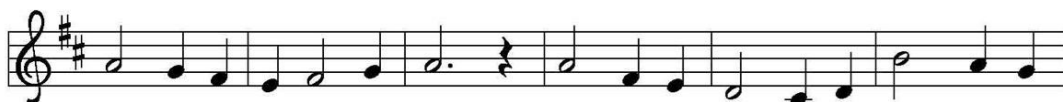


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Leader: Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; 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: Isaiah 43:18-21

Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness. The beasts of the field, the jackals and ostriches, will honor me, because I have put water in the desert and streams in the wilderness to give water to my people, my chosen ones, this people whom I formed for myself, who will recount my praise.

Reader: Word of God, word of life

All: Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17, 22-27

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience.

In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because he pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will.

Reader: Word of God, word of life

All: Thanks be to God

Congregation stands, as able.

Gospel Acclamation

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 7:37-39

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and shouted, "All who are thirsty should come to me! All who believe in me should drink! As the scriptures said concerning me, *Rivers of living water will flow out from within him.*"

Jesus said this concerning the Spirit. Those who believed in him would soon receive the Spirit, but they hadn't experienced the Spirit yet since Jesus hadn't yet been glorified.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Congregation is seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Timothy Smith, Bishop of NC Synod

Hymn of the Day: ELW 455 Crashing Waters at Creation

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

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.

first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age—chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan, attr. Christian F. Witt, adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett

Congregation is seated.

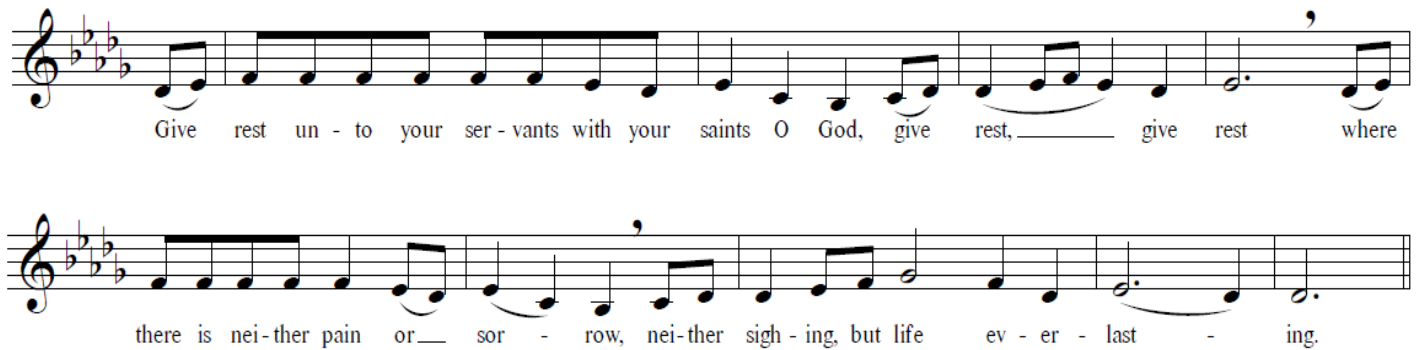
Necrology

The Rev. Henry M. McKay (1937-2021)
The Rev. Hugh Mazingo (1948-2021)
Deacon Richard Engebrecht (1926-2021)
The Rev. David Ridenhour (1950-2021)
The Rev. John Bollinger (1930-2021)
The Rev. James Christ (1931-2022)
The Rev. William E. Smith (1931-2022)
The Rev. John Heinemeier (1936-2022)

The Kontakion

Solo: Give rest unto your servants with your saints O God, give rest, give rest
Where there is neither pain or sorrow, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Refrain (all sing):



Give rest un - to your ser - vants with your saints O God, give rest, _____ give rest where
there is nei-ther pain or__ sor - row, nei-ther sigh - ing, but life ev - er - last - ing.

Solo: For you, God only are immortal, the creator and maker of all.
And we are mortal formed of the earth. And to the earth we shall return.

Refrain (all sing)

Choir: For so did you ordain when you created me saying, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." All of us go
down to the dust, yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia.

Refrain (all sing)

Words: Eastern Orthodox Liturgy, Music: Rupert G. Lang

Congregation stands, as able.

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church,
people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us
out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the
Advocate abiding in and among us to do a new thing. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek
it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the
sake of those longing for true freedom and peace. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering especially those we name
before you now either silently or aloud... Remind them that your Spirit has made them your
children and that they are never far from your glory. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Gather your people across regions, nations, and lands. Root our common life in the life, death,
and resurrection of Christ, and by your Spirit bind us together with all the saints who have
gone before us. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

Rostered ministers are invited to remain standing and face the bishop. All others are seated.

Renewal of Ordination Vows

Bishop: Dear friends, hear the words that our Lord Jesus Christ spoke to his first servants, the blessed Apostles: "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven" (John 20:21-23).

By God's call and the laying on of hands, you have been set apart to be stewards of God's grace in the ministry of Word and Sacrament or the ministry of Word and Service.

I exhort you always to be mindful of how great a treasure has been entrusted to you. The flock over which the Holy Spirit has made us shepherds or leaders is made up of Christ's sheep, purchased with his blood. May we never tire in seeking to bring those committed to our care to increased faith and knowledge of God and to fullness of life in Christ. As we shall give account before the Lord in the great day of his appearing, now in the presence of Christ and God's holy people; do you recommit yourself to the various ministries of our Lord Jesus Christ to which you have been called under the pastoral oversight of your bishop?

All: I do, with God's help.

The bishop addresses the Ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament:

Bishop: Will you who are ordained continue to preach and teach the Word of God in accordance with the Confessions of our Church, and to administer the Holy Sacraments after the ordinance of Christ, and to serve all people?

All: I will, with God's help.

The bishop addresses the Ordained Ministers of Word and Service:

Bishop: Will you adorn the teaching of our God and Savior by a holy life and conversation? I will, with God's help. Will you bear faithful witness before the world, that God's love may be seen in all you do?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: And now, as your bishop, I, too, before God and you, re-dedicate myself and reaffirm the promises that I made when I was ordained. I ask for your prayers.

All: Almighty God, who has given us the will to do these things, bless us with the faith, strength and determination to accomplish them. 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.
Congregation is seated.*

Offering

The All Races One Church (AROC) fund will be the recipient of today's offering. AROC of the NC Synod celebrates ministry in our BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Person of Color) congregations by making financial gifts to these communities to aide them in realizing their ministry goals and dreams. We currently have six BIPOC congregations (35% or more people of color) in our synod.

Music During the Offering: Come, Dove of Heaven

Music: Mark A. Miller

Offertory Prayer

Leader: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Ronald A. Nelson

Thanksgiving at the Table

Leader: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

All: We praise you, O God.

Leader: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

All: We bless you, O God.

Leader: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

All: We thank you, O God.

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

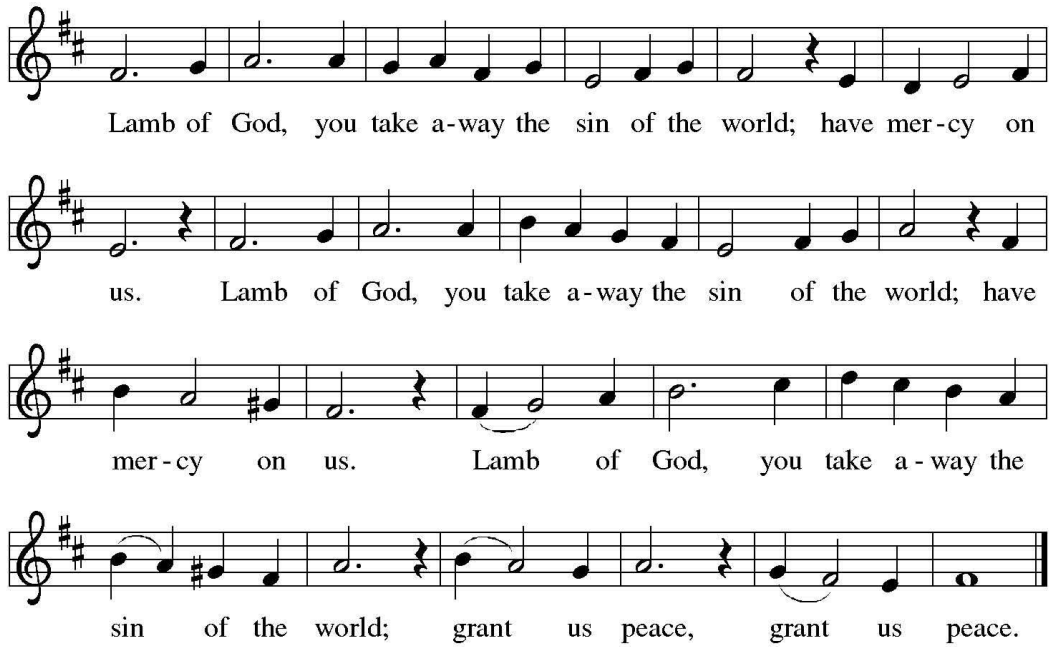
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Leader: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Music During Communion: Lamb of God



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

Music: Ronald A. Nelson

Music During Communion: ACS 1043 Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Words: Ruth Duck, Music: Alfred Vedak

Music During Communion: ELW 502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Words: Henry W. Baker, Music: Irish tune

Prayer After Communion

Leader: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Blessing

Leader: May the Spirit of the living Christ fill you with faith and trust, burn in you with the fire of love, enliven your bones, body, and life, and breathe through you the breath of life. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

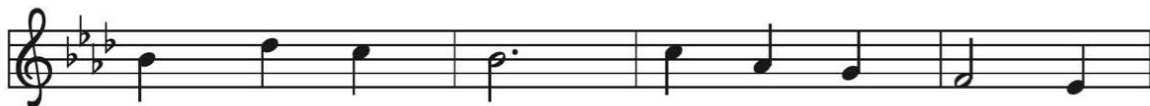
Sending Hymn: ACS 1000 God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Dismissal

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Leading Worship

Presider: The Rev. Brenda Smith

Preacher: The Rev. Timothy Smith, Bishop of NC Synod

Participants: Diana Haywood, NC Synod Council Vice President
The Rev. Ron Philabaum
The Rev. Heather Langan
The Rev. German Santana
The Rev. Matthew (Oscar) Shepherd
The Rev. Michael Lang
The Rev. Karin O'Donnell
The Rev. Ethan Overcash
The Rev. Julie Tonnesen

Organist: Cory Westby

Choir Director: Ryan Luhrs

Special Thanks: Holy Trinity Lutheran, Charlotte, for the Pentecost Banners

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Sylvia Black	Wayne Nelson	David Drysdale
Julie Tonnesen	Liz Fisher	Heather Langan
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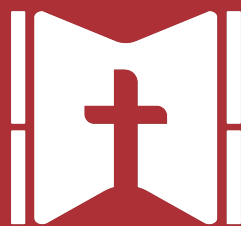
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