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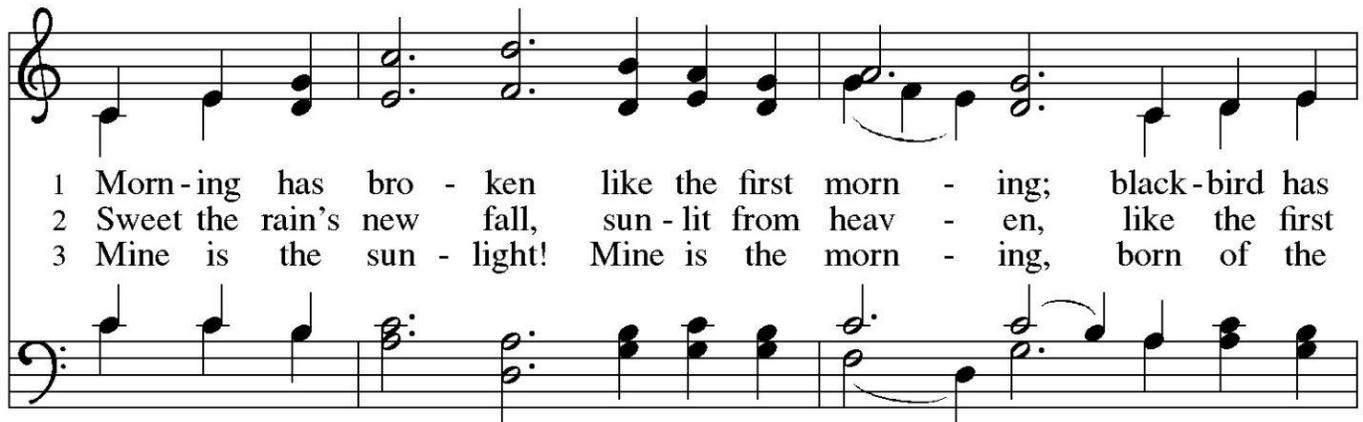
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Worship in the Park
“God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

GATHERING SONG - "Morning Has Broken" - ELW 556

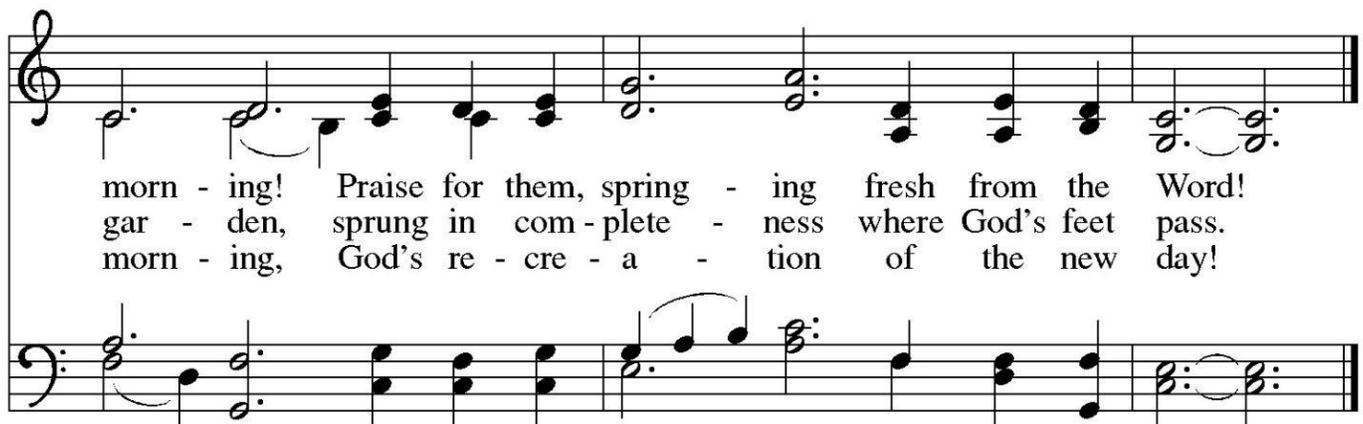
As able, the assembly stands.



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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**The children are invited to assist Pastor Julie with the
THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us
and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy
and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image
and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of
water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did
not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At
the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you
shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water and for all water everywhere,
especially the water in the aquifers beneath our feet and throughout our
Calleguas Creek Watershed which meets the Pacific Ocean at Mugu Lagoon.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give
us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



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

C **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE - "Glory to God" - ELW Setting 10



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo"
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 1:20-33

In these verses Wisdom is personified as a woman who invites all who will listen to follow her. Though Wisdom offers her hand to those who scoff at her, they spurn all such counsel. That they come to ruin is predictable. Those who find Wisdom, however, find life.

²⁰Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. ²¹At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: ²²“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? ²³Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. ²⁴Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, ²⁵and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, ²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, ²⁷when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. ²⁸Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. ²⁹Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, ³⁰would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, ³¹therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. ³²For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; ³³but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – “Alle, Alleluia” (Schaner/Keil)

Al - le, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le,
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le, al - le - lu
ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

P The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris



As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

SONG OF THE DAY - "Lift High the Cross" - ELW 660

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

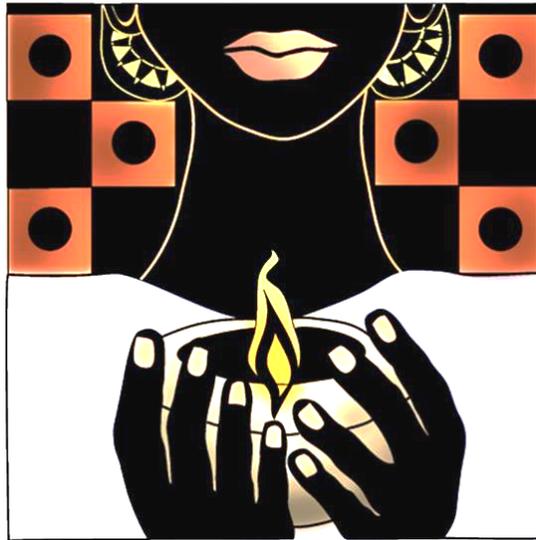
Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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The assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Bless Bishop Brenda Bos as she is installed today. Guide her and the Southwest California Synod in boldly proclaiming the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, earthquakes, and other disasters, especially the north-east and Gulf Coast, Haiti, and California. Restore forests, curb overflowing waters, and bring rain to parched earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger, especially those in Afghanistan. Strengthen first responders to help meet the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life of service and prayer, and bless our time of worship and fellowship in this park today, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Strengthen our connections with our homebound members and those who join us online. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A Transforming God, you break the chains of terrorism and injustice. Be near all those who grieve for the victims of the September 11 attacks, thwart all violent plans, and inspire those who seek a lasting peace. Bring healing to those who are hurting or in need in body, mind, or spirit, especially to (those on our prayer list below). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for Bob Anderson, Tom Andino (friend of Carol Browning), **Alice** (friend of Barbara Burke), **Jenny** (daughter of friend of Barbara Burke), **Linda** (friend of Barbara Burke), **Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Lorraine & Mike Carpenter, Crista and Bonnie** (niece and sister of Karen Cherry), **Gail Cline** (daughter of Karen & Jim Gramacki), **Steve Doshier** (brother-in-law of Paul Crockett), **the family of Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Bob Edell, Natalie Faltin, Linda Frantz, the family of David Gale** (friend of Herb & Jo Holler), **Norma Harvey, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Karen & Joe Diehl), **Dick Kuchera** (Evonne Kuchera's husband's uncle), **Rick Mahlke** (son of friend of Barbara Burke), **Emilie** (friend of Carina McVeigh), **Lucille Miley, the family of Norm Morgan, Karen Nelson, Lynn Nelson** (mother of Julie Fernandez), **Mary O'Donnell, Jennifer** (daughter of Mary O'Donnell), **Michael and Mercedes Olivera** (brother of Courtney Burke), **Anna and John** (sister of Mona Neuhaus and her sister's partner), **James, Albert Rodriguez**, father of Marion & Bob Cole's daughter-in-law Amanda), **Gloria Saldano** (mother of Lisa Saner) **and the Saner family, Larry** (brother of Lisa Saner), **Marlene** (sister of Lisa Saner), **Maria Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler), **Chris, Wayne & Maria Truchan** (friends of the Burke family), **Jerry Warren, the family of Toy White** (friend of Becky Riley), **Howard Wullschleger.**

*Unless otherwise specified, prayer requests remain in the bulletin for four weeks.
If you would like to add or remove someone to or from the prayer list, please
e-mail the church office at office@mountcross.com or call 805.482.3847.*

A God who listens, we now offer you our own prayers, either silently or aloud (pause) ... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**OFFERING SONG - "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (Founds) - CCLI #117947
(ELW 857)**

During the song, the children may bring their creation offerings forward.

Verse

*Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us*

Chorus

*You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high*

(Repeat Verse and Chorus)

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**



As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

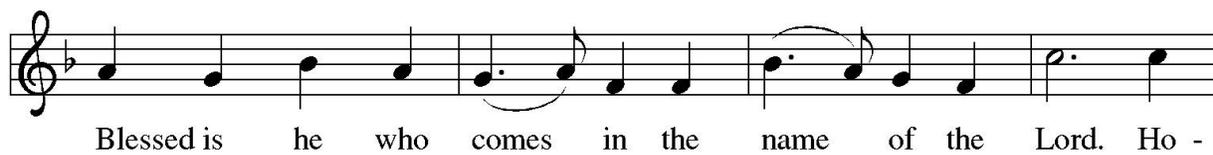
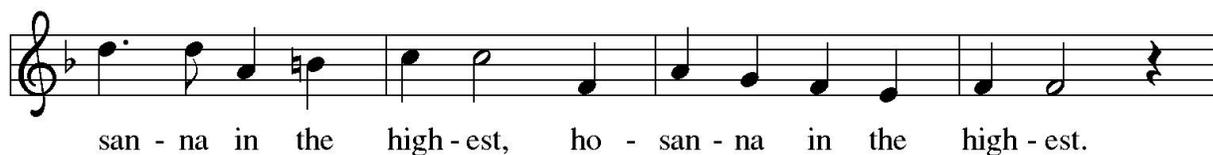
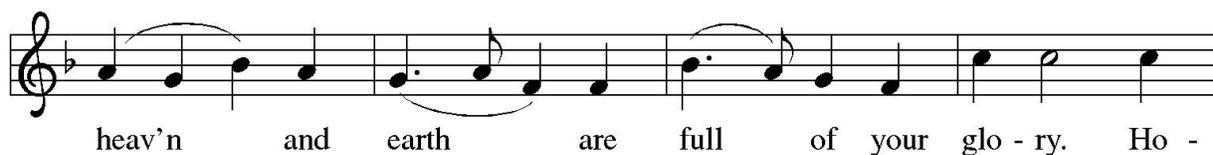
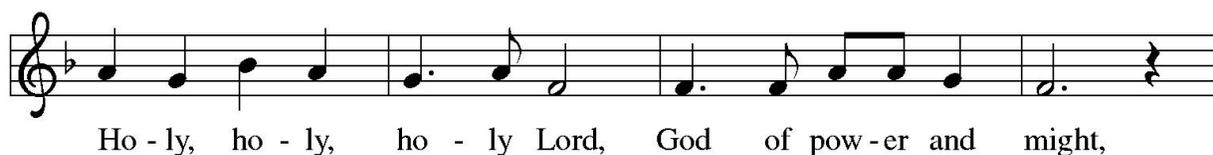
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Holy God, mighty and merciful,
your people praise you, saying:
Your mercy endures forever.

C Your mercy endures forever.

P By your promise
you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,
granting them life and calling them to flourish,
setting the sign of your bow in the clouds,
the colors of your love and faithfulness.

C Your mercy endures forever.

P By your promise
you bound yourself to your people of old,
blessing them with family outnumbering the stars
and calling them to be a blessing to others,
showing them steadfast love in every generation
and calling them to be a light to the nations.

C Your mercy endures forever.

P By your promise
you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved,
grafting us into your living Vine,
and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

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.
With this bread and cup
we remember his life laid down and lifted up
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless us to be a blessing.
Make us a sign of your faithfulness.
Send us to tend and cherish the earth
and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With all the saints in light,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus,
in your Spirit, now and forever.

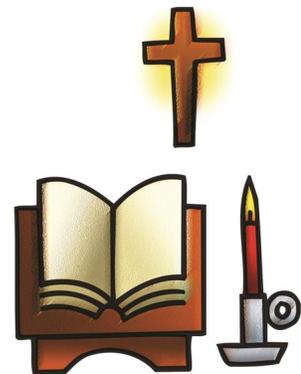
C **Amen.**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P Taste and see that the Lord is good!



The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD - "This Is the Body of Christ" (Bell)

This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be
whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to his word,
cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Tune: John L. Bell, b. 1949
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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)

A spiritual communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. As Martin Luther once wrote: "I can enjoy the sacrament ... every day if only I keep my eyes on the promise, that is, on the words and promise of Christ, which feeds and strengthens my faith."

As we distribute Holy Communion to the congregation here, we invite those on the livestream to offer the Prayer of Spiritual Communion displayed on your screen:



I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart.

(We pause for silent prayer).

Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.¹

¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

COMMUNION SONGS - "Will You Come and Follow Me" - ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am” - ELW 814 (sing as needed)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am". 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 key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system of music covers the lyrics: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;". The second system of music covers the lyrics: "set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The holy Three,
the holy One
increase your hope,
strengthen your faith,
deepen your love,
and ☩ grant you peace.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

A Rooted in God's grace,
C we joyfully witness and serve.

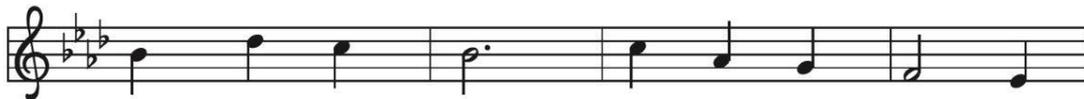
SENDING SONG - "God's Work, Our Hands" - ACS 1000 - verses 1-3



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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If you haven't already done so today, let us know you're watching us online - fill out our connection card: <https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception (at the church) as a drive-through option only today**, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

September 12 - "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday

After worship at the park, we'll put our hands to work to begin assembly of the LWR school kits.

We will be bundling pens and pencils into sets of 5, removing packaging from items, and stringing rope into the sewn bags. There's a job for EVERY pair of hands. Come, get yours into the work of helping a young neighbor somewhere in the world get an education, which is the first step toward a better life.

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, September 12, 2021

Worship and Picnic at the Park, 9:30 a.m.

All are invited to **Bob Kildee Park** (1030 Temple Ave, Camarillo). Bring a comfortable lawn chair (some folding chairs provided). Sandwich sack lunches provided (or bring your own lunch). We'll eat together after worship and enjoy games and fellowship.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/MCPicnic> or contact the church office (805-482-3847 or office@mountcross.com).

Drive-through Only Communion,
11:00 a.m.

Drive-through only communion (no inside communion) will be available at the church from 11:00 a.m.-Noon.

Installation of Bishop Brenda Bos,
4:00 p.m.

You are invited to the Installation of The Rev. Brenda Bos as Bishop of the Southwest California Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. This celebration of our faith, community, Lutheran expression, and future possibilities is taking place in-person at the historic Angelica Lutheran Church in Los Angeles. Mount Cross is serving as a satellite streaming location for any who would like to watch the Installation. To RSVP, call the office at 805-482-3847.

Monday, September 13, 2021

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Meditation group meets on Zoom at 3:00 p.m. Questions, contact LaJean Wenzel.

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study meets in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. Bring the September *Gather* magazine

CDC School Board, 6:00 p.m.
The CDC School Board meets at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Worship & Music Committee,
1:15 p.m.

The Worship & Music Committee meets in Pastor Julie's office at 1:15 p.m.

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.
Fun with Faith resumes at 5:00 p.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) with questions.

Adult Bible Study, 5:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study resumes at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. We study the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday.

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com) with questions.

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
The Bell Choir rehearses in the sanctuary loft at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Men's Bible Study Breakfast,
7:30 a.m.

The Men's Bible Study meets at 7:30 a.m. at Marie Callender's (185 E. Daily Drive) for a buffet breakfast and Bible study. A \$15 donation covers breakfast and a tip, but don't let the cost prevent you from attending. No RSVP necessary, but reach out to Randy Churchill (hrchurchill@verizon.net.) if you have questions.

Care Team, 1:00 p.m.

The Care Team meets at 1:00 p.m. in the Pavilion.

Just Mercy Screening, 6:30 p.m.

The Peace & Justice Team will offer a screening of *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, from the book we read this summer. The movie will be at 6:30 p.m. right here at Mount Cross. Questions, please contact Bill Stoll (billstoll50@gmail.com).

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Altar Guild Training, 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Julie will offer training for all who want to serve in the Altar Guild, at 10:00 a.m., to learn and review the procedures to follow.

Next Sunday, September 19

Blessing of CDC Director Amy Vega and Our CDC, 9:30 a.m.

Next Sunday, we'll bless our new CDC Director, Amy Vega, and the Child Development Center during our 9:30 a.m. worship. There will be an opportunity for fellowship and to meet Amy after the service.

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee meets monthly to review our COVID precautions. We continue to require masks for indoor worship. Masks are optional for outdoor worship in the pavilion, but please maintain social distancing. We also need worship assistants:

<https://signup.com/Group/7769976983269200115/>.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep Mount Cross safe!

Help with Drive-through and Sanctuary Communion Reception

We are looking for help to make Sunday Sanctuary and Drive-through Communion possible. If you would like to help set up or as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant, please sign up at

<http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistants>

or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Programs resume September 15 so check the newsletter or email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for details or questions.

Anti-Racism Work of the Week:

These links are offered by the Peace & Justice Team in a spirit of goodwill to those who are seeking to learn from diverse voices and take action towards reconciliation and healing. We invite everyone to be a part of these ongoing conversations as we learn together.

As this weekend is the 20th anniversary of 9/11 - our work is to mourn our country's loss. Take some time to watch a special on television, or plan your own memorial time with these helps from the 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York.

<https://www.911memorial.org/plan-your-own-911-anniversary-observance>

Vaccine Sign-up Site

COVID-19 vaccines are available by appointment at [MyTurn.CA.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or for walk-ins.

Locations available throughout the county!

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship: <http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>. The cost remains \$35.00; you are welcome to take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Sanctuary/Drive-through Communion. If you are not present but would still like flowers, please let us know and we can deliver the arrangement to a homebound member to enjoy.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl ministry could use additional helpers to knit or crochet prayer shawls to be given to those in need of comfort. To give a shawl or for instructions to knit or crochet one, contact Diana Hagen (805-482-6411).

More Ways to Give

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial!

To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross. Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.

Amazon Smile

If you haven't already done so, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on smile.amazon.com so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. Thank you!

St. Columba's Food Pantry

Each Sunday, we have a bin where you can bring non-perishable food for St. Columba's Project Hope food pantry. Canned vegetables or proteins are always a good choice.

Thanks for your support!

Altar Guild Opportunities

Do you have an interest in the preparation of the Lord's Supper? Are you looking for a behind-the-scenes way to serve the church? Are you looking to meet new and old members of the congregation? Please consider volunteering for the Altar Guild. We are getting back to a new normal for set-up and clean-up and are looking to revitalize the Altar Guild. There will be a **training** for all by Pastor Julie **this Saturday, September 18**, at **10:00 a.m.**, on the procedures to follow. Please let Carol Broderick (805-444-2898, cell, or carolbroderick@msn.com) or Carol Browning (office@mountcross.com or 805-482-3847) know if you are interested in this opportunity.

Worship Guidelines

The Re-opening Committee met and has decided to stay the course for our worship.

Masks are still required for indoor worship. Although some places have chosen to make masks optional for those who are vaccinated, we, as Lutherans, love to sing and there are concerns about singing indoors and keeping people safe, which is our first priority. Because we love to sing and out of respect to those in our congregation who cannot yet be vaccinated (including children under 12), masks are required indoors for worship. Masks are optional **outside** and we offer seating in the pavilion outdoors, but we ask you to keep socially distanced from those not in your household. Thanks for your continued cooperation in following these guidelines to help keep Mount Cross safe.

Mission for September - Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits Collection

Soap, towels, toothbrushes, and combs. These simple gifts improve the standard of living for people around the world. In the Andes, these kits are helping dairy farmers in the Peruvian Andes practice proper hygiene and, in turn, improve their dairy products through sanitary milking practices.

We can't control when disasters strike and we can't end poverty overnight. But there are things we can do now to help people around the world reach their full potential.

Here's what we need:

- light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended
- bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- toothbrushes (adult size only, can be in bulk packaging)
- sturdy combs
- metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

These items are very specific and should be new. They cannot have any religious symbols of messages, any patriotic or military symbols, including camouflage of the U.S. flag.

With care in mind for those of you who don't want to make shopping trips out, Melissa Henry is willing to be your shopper. You can send a donation to the church office marked "LWR Personal Care Kits" if you want her to do the shopping for you.

Child Development Center Scholarship Fund

Founding director Cathy Channels recently retired from our Mount Cross Child Development Center preschool after 33 years. To honor her dedication and commitment to the CDC, a "**Cathy Channels Scholarship Fund**" has been established. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you can donate online or bring/mail a check, payable to Mount Cross Lutheran Church. Please designate "Cathy Channels Scholarship" in the memo field.

Harbor House

Sheri Groenveld, Operations Director at Harbor House, is inviting us to help those who are struggling in the Conejo Valley. Please see their website for practical ways to help (<https://www.harborhouseto.org/>).