

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANDOVER, MA**

*May each person feel **invited** to this community,  
**equipped** to use their gifts to the Glory of God, and **sent** to serve.*

**October 17, 2021  
Contemporary Worship Service**



## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG ..... Again and again

GREETING WITH PEACE

OPENING PRAYER

**ALL: Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards. Amen.**

READING ..... Job 38:1-7; 34-41

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,  
so that a flood of waters may cover you?  
Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go  
and say to you, ‘Here we are’?  
Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,  
or given understanding to the mind?  
Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?  
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,  
when the dust runs into a mass  
and the clods cling together?

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion,  
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,  
when they crouch in their dens,  
or lie in wait in their covert?  
Who provides for the raven its prey,  
when its young ones cry to God,  
and wander about for lack of food?”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

SONG ..... Shine on us

READING ..... Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

MESSAGE

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*This Confession of Faith is taken from the New Zealand prayer book.*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
Your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
Who lived and died and rose again.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship You.  
Amen.**

OFFERING ..... Step by Step

#### PREPARATION OF PRAYERS AND GIFTS

*You are invited to include your prayers of concern or celebration for today on the sheet at the back of the worship space.*

#### PRAYERS

For your work among the nations, we give thanks. Direct leaders in paths of honest service, that both their words and actions are carried out on behalf of those whom they serve. We pray for those displaced due to war or natural disaster. Bless the work of Ascentria as we partner with them in supporting refugees from Afghanistan. God of righteousness, we pray,  
**hear us when we call.**

For your work in places of need, we give thanks. Sustain all who are wearied by unemployment or lack of adequate food or housing, that we advocate for relief and just policy. We pray for our partnership with Bread and Roses as we prepare a meal today and distribute it tomorrow. We pray for those without adequate housing or a restful place to sleep. We give thanks for the 5 families who will receive a bed from our work yesterday and those who will receive warmth from the blankets made today. God of love, we pray,  
**hear us when we call.**

Bring healing to all who are sick through the skillful hands and compassionate hearts of physicians, nurses, therapists and caregivers Andrew, the Rohr family, Lynn and Karla Buffington, Sarah Johnson, Tim Tincknell, Mackenzie Gagnon, Lori Gardner, Phil Liaboe, James Lino, Melanie Armstrong and Art Derbyshire. God of restoration, we pray,  
**hear us when we call.**

For your work this worshipping community, we give thanks. Bless the service projects of this weekend and throughout the year. Foster deeper connections among those who serve and a spirit of accompaniment as we work alongside those in our community. Strengthen our faith, that we trust God moving in and among us. God of love, we pray,  
**hear us when we call.**

Receive these and all our prayers, Gracious God. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us pray.

**O God, you have given this world to us that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive our greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, and knows our attitudes. In the midst of our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us. Receive the forgiveness which God has offered to you. Live in God's love.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## COMMUNION PRAYER

*We echo the words of Jesus spoken at his Last Supper.*

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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*This version of the Lord's Prayer is taken from the words Jesus taught his followers when they asked him how to pray in the gospel of Luke.*

**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

**Invitation to Communion**

This is the table, not of the church, but of Jesus.  
Come, because it is Jesus who invites you.

SONG ..... You are my all in All

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils and possibilities unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

God be your comfort, your strength;  
God be your hope and support;  
God be your light and your way;  
and the blessing of God,  
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life,  
remain with you now and for ever.

**Amen.**

SONG ..... Holy is the Lord

## Again and again

Vs. 1 Lord of the manger, Lord of the cross  
We gained our freedom, with the life that You lost  
You lived among us, our Savior and friend  
And we praise You, Lord Jesus, again and a-gain

Vs. 2 Lord of all mercy, Lord of all joy  
You claimed the vict'ry / death can never destroy  
You give us new life / that never will end  
And we praise You, Lord Jesus, again and again

Ch. Glory to the One who walks be-side us  
Glory to the One who always will  
We praise You for Your awesome love that guides us  
And when Your kingdom comes, we will praise You still

Vs. 3 Lord of all ages, Lord of all days  
We stand before You, forever amazed  
At how You have loved us, and called us Your friend  
And we praise You, Lord Jesus, again and again

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We stand before You, forever amazed  
At how You have loved us, and called us Your friend  
And we praise You, Lord Jesus, and we praise you, Lord Jesus  
And we praise you, Lord Jesus, again and a-gain

## Shine on us

1. Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us  
Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us

That we may be saved, that we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your light shine on us

2. Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us  
Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us  
That we may be saved, that we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your grace fall on us

3. Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us  
Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us  
That we may be saved, that we may have life  
To find our way in the darkest night  
Let Your love come over us  
Let Your light shine on us.

"Shine on Us"

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## Step by Step

*Vs.* O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You  
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You

*Ch.* I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days

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"Step by Step"

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# YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

V.1 You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking you as a precious jewel  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all

Ch. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your Name  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your Name

V.2 Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down, you pick me up, When I am dry, you fill my cup  
You are my all in all

	<u>Men:</u>	<u>Women:</u>
Ch +2	Jesus	Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
	Lamb of God	Rising again I bless your Name
	Worthy is Your Name	You are my all in all
	Jesus	When I fall down, you pick me up,
	Lamb of God	When I am dry, you fill my cup
	Worthy is Your Name	You are my all in all

Ch. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your Name  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your Name

"You are my All in All"

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## Holy is the Lord

Holy is the Lord; Holy is the Lord  
As we bow before Your throne  
Majesty and honor to You alone  
Majesty and honor to You alone

Worthy are You, Lord, worthy are You, Lord  
Sweet Lamb of God, the Chosen One  
Our lives we gladly lay before Your throne  
Our lives we gladly lay before Your throne

*Bridge:* No longer will we give our hearts to the things of this world  
For a debt of love we will offer to You  
We look for the day when every knee will bow  
We will join with the angels around Your throne, and we will sing...

*Chorus:* Holy is the Lord...holy is the Lord  
Holy is the Lord...holy is the Lord

1. Holy is the Lord, Holy is the Lord, As we bow before Your throne  
Majesty and honor to You alone, majesty and honor to You alone

*Bridge:* No longer will we give our hearts to the things of this world  
For a debt of love we will offer to You  
We look for the day when every knee will bow  
We will join with the angels around Your throne, and we will sing...

*Chorus 2x* Holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord

"Holy is the Lord"

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### **Those Serving in Worship Today**

Preacher/Presider: Rev. Jeanette D. Leisk

Praise Band Leader: Ingrid Marstaller

Rock of Ages members include: Greg Bird, Steve Giordano, Bill Hartzell,  
Brian Scanlon, David Schweizer, Tammy Skwierczynski, Rebecca Zammuto

Nursery Attendant: Lucy Wagner

Tech Support: Bill Mark Langdell

Altar Care: Caroline d'Agostino

*The Zoom coffee hour is at 10:00! Join [here](#).*

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### **For Whom/What Shall We Pray Today?**

Use this space to add your prayer concerns/celebrations to be read during our prayers today.

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