



GATHERING

WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

Centering Prayer (Norie Chandler Siers)

Gracious God, we come to you with open and willing hearts to be changed by your grace. We are longing to be the people you created us to be when you called us in our baptisms. We hear your call for us to be people who do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you by our side. Open our eyes to see those spaces that are in need of our compassion, open our ears to hear the cry of the poor, and open our minds that we might see you in every person we meet. Let your grace restrain our judgements and transform them into kindness. Help us to truly be your hands, and feet in this world today and every day. We trust your love God. Help us to share it. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Children's Message

SONG

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized 304

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight-way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be

came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous. Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD. You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way. You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Confession & Forgiveness

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness;
For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves;
For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others;
For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare;
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation;
For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm;
For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ,
And for squandering the gifts of love and grace;
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE WORD

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY MARK 1:9-15

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

MESSAGE

MUSIC MINISTRY

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Installation of Leaders in the Congregation

Pastor: The following people have been *elected* by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these *sisters and brothers* will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

Off-going Council Representative: Amy Jacobson, Tiffany Distad, Shannon Sand, Brian Walton, Dan Schiller, Diane Dorrell, Chandler Drummond, Amy Krcil, and Pam Hoekstra have been called to serve in their elected term and position of leadership.

Pastor: *A reading from First Corinthians:* There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*)

You have been *elected* to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.
On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:
Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices
to which you have been *elected*?

Elected Leaders: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Pastor: People of God, I ask you:
Will you support these, your *elected* leaders,
and will you share in the mutual ministry
that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

Assembly: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Pastor: I now declare you installed as *officers and council members* of this congregation.
Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,
that you may be faithful servants of Christ.
Amen.

PRAYER

THE MEAL

COMMUNION

At OFLC, we practice an open table. What that means is all are welcome to participate in receiving communion, for it is the Lord's Table, and the grace given through these communion elements is given freely by God. In this time of COVID, we are using prepackaged communion elements. The Pastor will give instructions as we observe the Sacrament safely. If you did not pick up a communion kit or need assistance with yours, please raise your hand when directed by the Pastor and one of our Worship Coordinators will assist you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WE JOIN TOGETHER IN THE WORDS THAT JESUS TAUGHT US IN THE LORD'S PRAYER...

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.

SONG

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

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

The first system of musical notation for the song, featuring a treble and bass clef with lyrics underneath.

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

The second system of musical notation, continuing the melody and accompaniment.

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:

The third system of musical notation, including four numbered verses of lyrics.

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!

The fourth system of musical notation, featuring a second refrain with lyrics.

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

CRUCIFER

BLESSING & SENDING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Let us share the peace (from a distance) as we depart