Our Mission: To embody God’s love for all by living an active faith in service to others.
We Gather to Affirm God’s Presence in Our Lives

May the God we sing to, pray to, and speak to throughout the day bless you and keep you safe.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (from Psalm 97)
Leader: God is ruler! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Unison: Clouds and thick darkness are all around God;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of God’s throne.
Leader: Fire goes before God,
and consumes God’s adversaries on every side.
Unison: God’s lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
Leader: The mountains melt like wax before God,
before the God of all the earth.
Unison: The heavens proclaim God’s righteousness;
and all the peoples behold God’s glory.
Leader: All worshipers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before God.
Unison: We hear and are glad,
    We rejoice because of your judgments, O God.
    For you, O God, are most high over all the earth;
    you are exalted far above all gods.

[NRSV, adapted]

PRAYER (Unison)
    High and Holy God, enthroned in power and light, burn away the dross of our
    lives and kindle in us the fire of your love that our lives may reveal the light and
    love of Jesus Christ. Amen

HYMN   Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise   verses 1,4   NCH 1

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE
I Kings 19: 7-18

7 The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched Elijah, and said, “Get up and
    eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” 8 He got up, and ate and
drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to
Horeb the mount of God. 9 At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night
there.
Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here,
    Elijah?” 10 He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts;
for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and
killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life,
to take it away.”

Elijah Meets God at Horeb (Sinai?)

11 He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is
    about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting
mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in
the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the
earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire;
and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his
face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.
Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

[NRSV]

Luke 9: 51-56
A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” [Other ancient authorities add as Elijah did] But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then [Other ancient authorities read rebuked them, and said, “You do not know what spirit you are of, for the Son of Man has not come to destroy the lives of human beings but to save them.”] Then they went on to another village.

[NRSV]

PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

HYMN Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind verses 1,3,5 Chalice 594
SERMON
Was God not in them or did Elijah not see?

HYMN

BENEDICTION

PRAYER (in unison)
May the strength of God guide us, the power of God preserve us, the wisdom of God instruct us, the Spirit of God be within us, this day and forevermore.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY
Ministers: All of Us
Pastor: Alan McNamara
Organist: John Novak
Singers: Ashley Kelly, Grace Klonoski, and Olivia Klonoski
Liturgist: Ginny Omerod
Video:
Audio:
Sexton: Tom Spielman

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 90:1-2, 4-5

1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
2 Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
3 Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
4 A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,

Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
We fly for-gotten, as a dream
fades at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while troubles last,
and our eternal home!
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
   In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

   Not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;

   Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

   Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unlasting, and silent as light,
   In all life you're living, the true life of all;

   Your justice like mountains high soaring above,

   Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love,

   Then wither and perish— but naught dims your powers.

3 Your life is life-giving— to both great and small;
   Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;

   We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,

   Then in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

   Then in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.
594  Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind
(Dear God, Embracing Humankind)

1. Dear Lord, and Fa - ther of man - kind,* for -
   give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
2. In - simple trust like theirs who heard, be -
   side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
3. O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
   calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
   all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy
   cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

1. right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy
2. of the Lord, let us, like them, with -
3. share with thee the si - lence of e -
4. strain and stress, and let our or - dered
5. flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake,

1. ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
2. out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
3. ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
4. lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
5. wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.