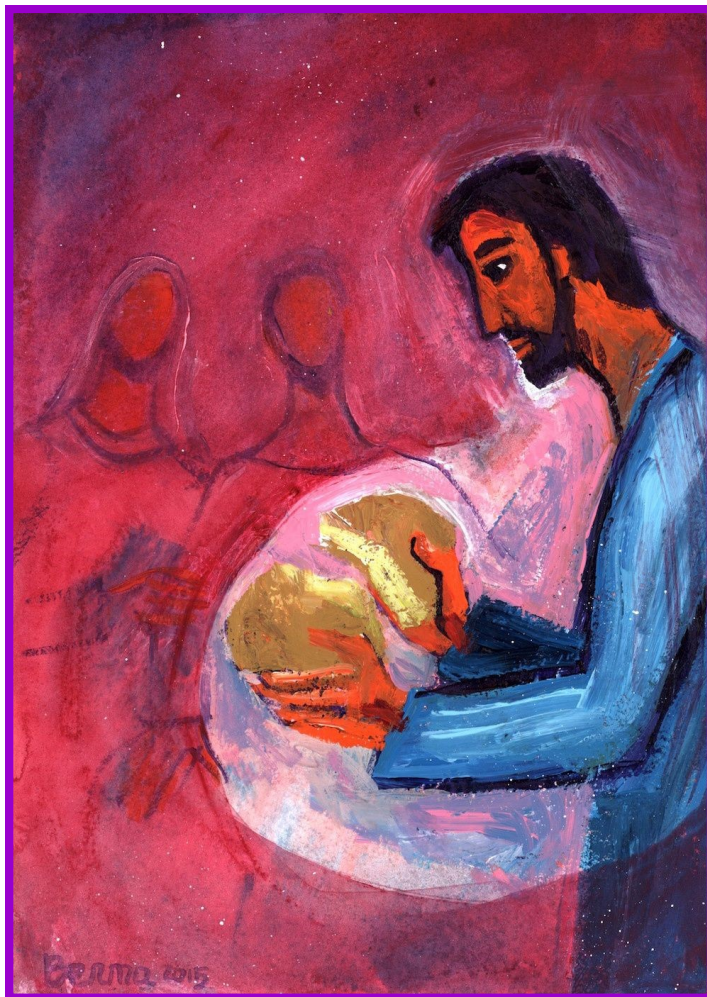


Sunday, August 22, 2021 — Time After Pentecost

University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:30 AM Worship Service



340 East 15th Street Tempe, AZ 85281-6612

480.967.3543

www.ulctempe.org

info@ulctempe.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Aiko Yamada Mancini

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

BENEATH THE TREE OF LIFE



*[Come and gath - er] be - neath the tree of



life. [Come and gath - er] be -



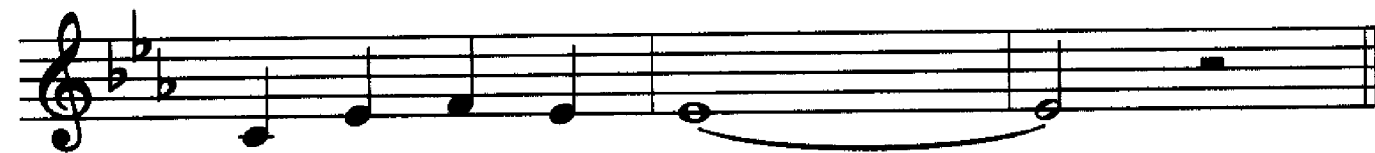
neath the tree of life; Root of



wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of heal - ing and re -



lease. [Come and gath - er] be -



neath the tree of life.



1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of Je - sus, _____

3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal - va - tion, _____

5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your Gos - pel, _____



— Sing - ing praise to him - who leads us on - from

— come and die to sin, - rise up to life - with -

— may we bear the fruits your Word has plant - ed



death in - to new life. _____

in the Reign of God. _____

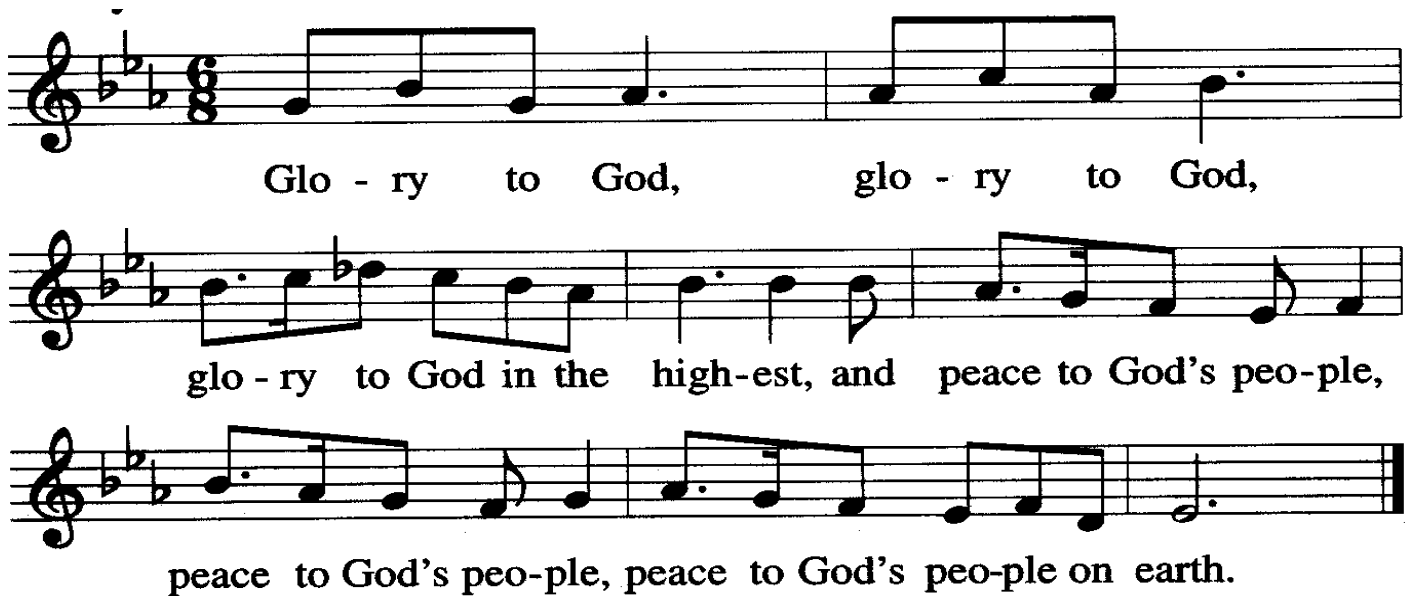
deep with - in our hearts. _____

GREETING

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



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,
glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple,
peace to God's peo-ple, peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A Let us pray. Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

PSALM

Psalm 34:15-22

The Psalm will be spoken in unison.

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous, and God's ears are open | to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them and delivers them from | all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles | of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from | every one.

²⁰God will keep safe | all their bones; not one of them | shall be broken.

²¹Evil will bring death | to the wicked and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For

you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -

ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

P The Holy Gospel according to John the sixth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY

BLESSED ASSURANCE

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers the Assistant will say:

A Lord, in your mercy,

The congregation will respond with:

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

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

C **Amen.**

THE PEACE IS SHARED

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

OFFERTORY

FOR THE LIFE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN



For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Jesus, Bread of life,

C you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry through your prayers, your calls, emails, and texts. Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts. We know some in our community have lost their jobs and others have had theirs significantly scaled back. We continue to have the same needs of financial support along with a few additional costs as we operate much differently during this time. You may contribute financially on line through our web site by clicking on the Give+ icon and

following instructions.

You can also mail in your gifts to:

*University Lutheran Church,
340 E. 15th Street, Tempe, AZ 85281*

Thank you!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OPENING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

SEEK YE FIRST

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A⁷ D F[#]m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; and knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

SENDING

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Aiko Yamada Mancini

Participants in Worship

Pastor

Gary N. McCluskey

Worship Assistant

Deacon April Boyden

Lector

Keith Cornell

Ric Akima

Director of Music

Aiko Yamada Mancini

Video and Audio Production

Terry Pochert

Brian Mancini

Aiko Mancini

Musicians

Erin Crawford, voice

John Fillo, voice & bass

Aaron Griffith-VanderYacht, voice

Sophie Lott, voice

Nic Peters, voice

Nils Peterson, voice

Maddie Shaner, voice

Aiko Yamada Mancini, voice & piano,