



SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BACKPACK BLESSING



Evelyn

Parishioner Evelyn drew and colored this picture of her princess-themed backpack, crayons, and other supplies that she will take to kindergarten this fall.

IN THE LITURGY TODAY

THE LECTONARY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lectionary is an ordered system for reading the Holy Scriptures at the Eucharist. The Episcopal Church typically uses the Revised Common Lectionary, as do Roman Catholics, Lutherans and other denominations. During the long green season after Pentecost, St. Francis' used "track one" for the first reading from Hebrew Scripture. This track followed the stories of the prophet Samuel and the first Kings of Israel—Saul, David and Solomon.

In two weeks, this track moves into the wisdom books.

BLESSINGS

Today we bless backpacks and other school supplies as well as the students, teachers and staff who will begin a new academic year. Blessings do not change something--making it suddenly precious. Instead they name and highlight the holiness and divinity already present.

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING

Loose plate offering means any donation that is placed in the plate that is not already pledged to the maintenance of St. Francis. These financial gifts—given to us through the grace of God and returned to God's service—are brought up at the offertory and will be used to purchase snacks for students in need at Eureka Elementary and Meramec R-III Elementary Schools.

**Items in the bulletin marked with an asterisk are from the Iona Worship Book.*

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN 8am. Stand. WE GATHER TOGETHER TO ASK THE LORD'S BLESSING H433

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
 sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.

GATHERING HYMN 10:30am. Stand.

WHEN IN YOUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED

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1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, _____
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____

1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, _____
 2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, _____
 5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! _____

1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
 2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found _____
 5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____

1-4 _____
 Final Ending _____
 — Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

***OPENING ACCLAMATIONS**

Presider We meet in the name of God,
 Creator of the universe,
 source of True humanity.
 Mother and Father of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider We meet in the name of Jesus,
 Word made flesh,
 Savior of fallen humanity,
 lover of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit,
 Lord and giver of life,
 Midwife of new humanity,
 Inspirer of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider Come then, eternal God,

People **Be present here,
 Befriend us here,
 Renew us here.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

GLORIA At 8am, only refrain sung twice. At 10:30, all sung.

Refrain:

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
peace to peo - ple of good will.

To Verses

1. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, for your great glory
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **Refrain**

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **To Amen below**

A - men, a - men, a men, a - men,
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Eternal God, your wisdom is greater than our minds can attain, and your truth enlightens our learning. To those who study, give curiosity, imagination, and patience to wait and work for insight. Fill their learning with joy. Help them to doubt with courage. And hold all their days in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the first book of Kings. 2:10-12; 3:3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

The Word of the Lord.

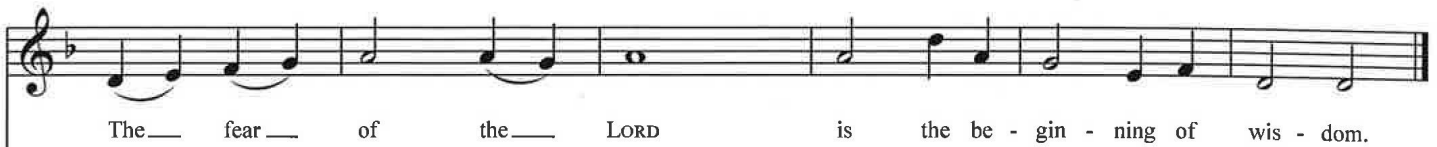
People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

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At 8am, spoken. At 10:30, cantor sings through once, congregation then joins.



Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord!

they are studied by all who delight in them. **ANTIPHON**

His work is full of majesty and splendor,
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. **ANTIPHON**

He gives food to those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works
in giving them the lands of the nations. **ANTIPHON**

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity. **ANTIPHON**

He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand* IF YOU BELIEVE AND I BELIEVE

WLP 8o6

Sing once at 8am. At 10:30am, sing two times.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

THE GOSPEL

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

6:51-58

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my

blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *At 10:30 only, sing the music on previous page one time through.*

CHILDREN’S SERMON *Sit*

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

Today’s sermon is a children’s sermon. All children are invited to come to the front and sit with the preacher. It is important to note that children’s sermons speak to all ages. They animate scripture’s essential messages for us through our human senses. After the sermon, silence is kept for a time.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

The Presider invites anyone of any age or any role who is starting an academic year to gather at the altar with backpacks or supplies.

Presider God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers, staff and students who fill them. We thank you for this new beginning, and we ask your blessing+ on these school supplies and on the students who will use them. We thank you for these your people, and ask you to bless+ them with curiosity, understanding and respect.

People **May their supplies and backpacks be a sign that they have all they need to learn and grow this year. May your love guide them.**

Presider All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us.

People **Amen.**

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider Faithful God, as we give voice to our needs and share our thanksgivings, help us to trust what Jesus taught. When we ask, we will receive. When we search, we will find. When we knock, the door will be opened. O God; hear us; answer us; and send us forth.

After each prayer, please respond "hear us; answer us; and send us forth."

Presider Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: In this fellowship of love and prayer, accept and fulfill our petitions, not as we ask, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus, Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider Not an easy peace,
not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace,
but the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

WE GATHER AT CHRIST'S TABLE

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

OFFERTORY

THERE IS A REDEEMER

8:00: performed by Sara Groves

10:30: performed by Tina Sayers and Tom Connelly

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son.
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, He lives who once was dead, He lives, my ever living Head!
He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Savior still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives I know that my Redeemer lives!

The following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand. 10:30 only

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above you heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, I Am Who Am, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say/sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Say at 8am:

People **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sing at 10:30am:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the
one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command,

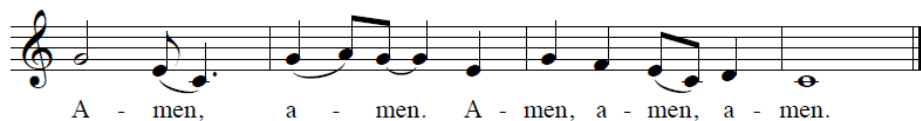
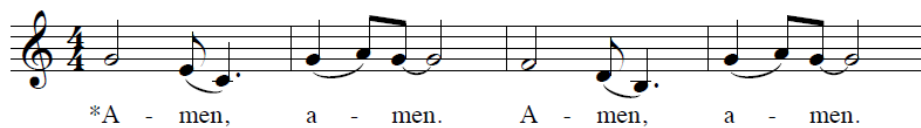
People **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

Presider We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in this sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Francis, St. Clare and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Presider By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN



**Pronounced: Ay-men.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

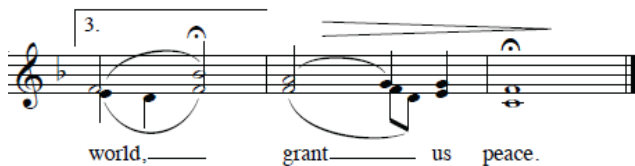
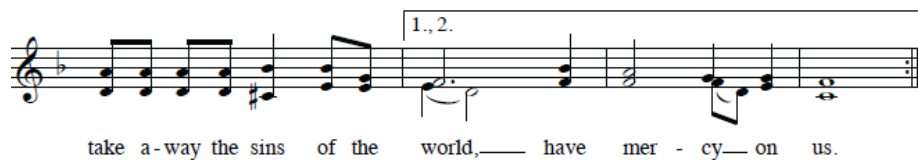
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM *At 8am, spoken*



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.


COMMUNION HYMN *10:30 only*

WE REMEMBER

ST. FRANCIS' SINGERS

Congregation sings refrain.

REFRAIN



We re-mem-ber how you loved us _____ to your death, and still we



cel-e-brate, for you are with us here; _____ And we be- lieve_ that we will




see you _____ when you come, in your glo-ry, Lord, _____ we re-mem- ber, _



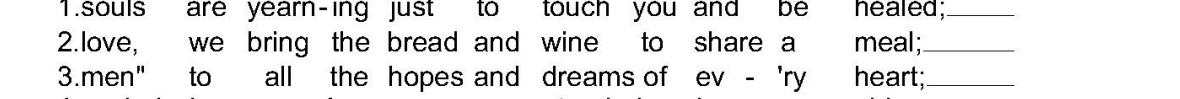
_____ we cel-e-brate, we be- lieve. _____

Fine VERSES


- 1. Here, a mil - lion wound-ed
- 2. Now we re - cre - ate your
- 3. Christ, the Fa - ther's great "A -
- 4. See the Face of Christ re-



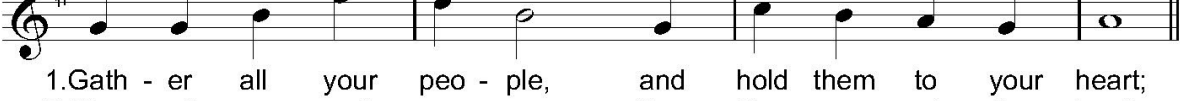
1. souls are yearn-ing just to touch you and be healed; _____




2. love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal; _____



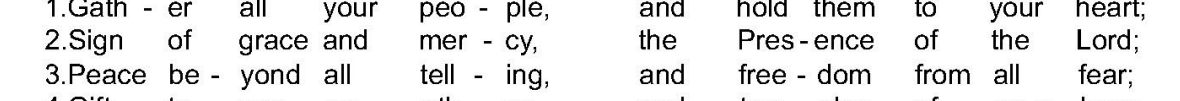
3. men" to all the hopes and dreams of ev - 'ry heart; _____




4. vealed in ev - 'ry per - son stand - ing by your side; _____




1. Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart;



2. Sign of grace and mer - cy, the Pres - ence of the Lord;



3. Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free - dom from all fear;



4. Gift to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love;

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Stand*

Presider Let us pray.

All In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment,
this meal,
these people,
we give ourselves to you.

Take us out
to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

Presider May God go with you, Christ companion you and the Spirit enliven you, and may you
know God's presence today and every day.

People **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

WE BELONG TO YOU

Refrain

We be - long to you, O Lord of our long-ing, We be-long to

you. In our dai - ly liv-ing, dy - ing and ris-ing We be-long to

to Verses

you. We be-long to you. We be-long to you.

Verses

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|---|-------------|
| 1. In the wa - ters of your mer - cy, | ∇ When the |
| 2. Filled with gifts and filled with good-ness, | ∇ Spir - it |
| 3. When we share the bread you've bro - ken | ∇ With the |
| 4. We are called to share your word, Lord, | In all we |

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. old be-comes the new, | Souls u - nit - ed in the |
| 2. breath-ing life in - to | All who seek to find their |
| 3. man - y and the few, | We are blessed and we are |
| 4. say and all we do. | As our jour - ney moves us |

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. mys - t'ry: | } |
| 2. pur - pose: | |
| 3. bro - ken; | |
| 4. on - ward, | |

We be-long to you.

DISMISSAL

Presider In the name of God who was and is and is to come, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Join us in the Community Room immediately following the 10:30am service for a special ice cream sundae coffee hour to celebrate the start of a new academic year!