

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution and Communion of the People

***Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" Fosdick/Hughes

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

*Charge and Benediction

***Postlude** "O God of God, O Light of Light" G.F. Handel

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Prelude "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Beethoven/arr. Hopson

Call To Worship

Christ is a living stone, precious in God's sight,
and on him we build our lives.

**We are God's people, and we proclaim God's mighty acts,
for we have been called out of darkness and into the light.**

Once we were not a people,
but now we are God's people;
once we had not received mercy,
but now we have received mercy.

With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship.

***Hymn** "Let Us Build a House" Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Prayer of Confession

**Christ, our way, our truth, our life,
you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully.
You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us.
But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us;
we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us.
Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way,
and lead us into new life.**

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Jesus prepares a place for us, Jesus brings us close to him,
Jesus answers us even in our unbelief.

We are God's own people. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Response to Forgiveness

"We Are Forgiven"

Hopson

**We are forgiven, we are forgiven, thanks be to God, thanks be to God!
We are forgiven, we are forgiven, thanks be to God, thanks be to God!**

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

Amy Cantrell

"The Transformative Grace of Loving Our Neighbor:
Divine Love in a Time of Madness"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

When the worship leader prays, "Lord, in your mercy,"
the congregation may respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"

**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.**

Offertory Sentences

BeLoved Asheville

Offertory Hymn

"What Is the World Like"

Tice/Morris

**What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.**

**What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.**

**What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.**

**What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.**

**These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir: