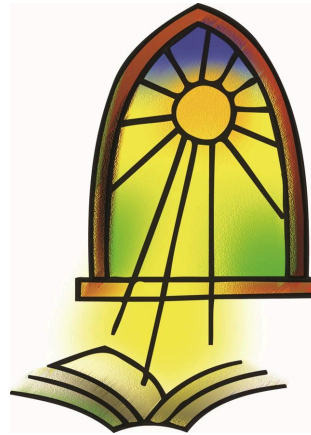


Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

10:30 AM



University Lutheran Church of Hope is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

Welcome. Peace be with you.

We continue our holy experiment. We're worshipping together in-person and virtually on YouTube. Welcome!

For those worshipping in-person, please remember:

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at ulch@ulch.org.
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families at the front of the sanctuary. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

Land Acknowledgment

This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgment, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

GATHERING

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able. Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. **ACS** refers to *All Creation Sings*, an *ELW* supplement.

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Prelude

We Gather (Help Us Make Amends) Tim Gustafson (2026)

All follow the cantor

We gather on the land of our creator; (We gather on the land of our creator)

We gather on a land that is not ours. (We gather on a land that is not ours)

We gather in the shadow of our history; (We gather)

Help us make amends; bestow your power.

Dakota folk long called this place their home; (Dakota folk long called this place their home)

Dakota folk still live upon this land. (Dakota folk still live upon this land)

Redeem us for community and justice; (Oh help us)

Help us make amends, led by your hand.

We gather in a spirit of contrition; (We gather in a spirit of contrition)

We gather in confession in this place. (We gather in confession in this place)

We gather in our brokenness and mystery; (We gather)

Help us make amends; bestow your grace.

Welcome

+ Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.**

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation,

but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

+ Processional Hymn

A Mighty Fortress

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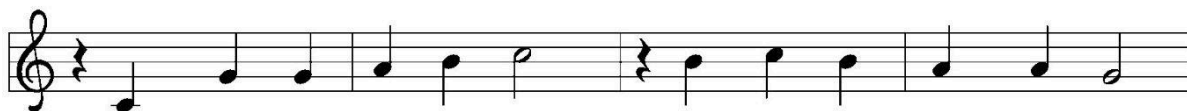
1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
 3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
 4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-



fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
 los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the
 vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
 giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
 one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
 God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,



for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.
 in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
 this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,



is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
 No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the bat - tle.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
 they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890, alt.
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546
 Text © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

+ Greeting

The grace of the risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+ Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Psalm 46 *Lector reads plain text, all speak bold text*

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

¹ Dios es nuestro refugio y nuestra fortaleza,
nuestra segura ayuda en momentos de angustia.

² **Por eso, no temeremos
aunque se desmorone la tierra
y las montañas se hundan en el fondo del mar;**

³ aunque rujan y se encrespen sus aguas,
y ante su furia retiemblen los montes.

⁴ **Hay un río cuyas corrientes alegran la ciudad de Dios, la santa habitación del Altísimo.**

⁵ Dios está en ella, la ciudad no caerá;
al rayar el alba Dios le brindará su ayuda.

⁶ **Se agitan las naciones, los reinos caen;
Dios deja oír su voz, y la tierra se derrumba.**

⁷ El SEÑOR de los Ejércitos está con nosotros;
nuestro refugio es el Dios de Jacob.

⁸ **Vengan y vean los portentos del SEÑOR;
él ha traído ruina sobre la tierra.**

⁹ Ha puesto fin a las guerras en todos los confines de la tierra; ha quebrado los arcos, ha destrozado las lanzas,
ha arrojado los carros al fuego.

¹⁰ **«Quédense quietos, reconozcan que yo soy Dios.
¡Seré exaltado entre las naciones!
¡Seré enaltecido en la tierra!».**

¹¹ El SEÑOR de los Ejércitos está con nosotros;
nuestro refugio es el Dios de Jacob.

Reading - Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Ahora bien, sabemos que todo lo que dice la Ley, lo dice a quienes están sujetos a ella, para que todo el mundo se calle la boca y quede convicto delante de Dios. Por tanto, nadie será justificado en presencia de Dios por hacer las obras que exige la Ley; más bien, mediante la Ley cobramos conciencia del pecado. Pero ahora, sin la mediación de la Ley, se ha manifestado la justicia de Dios, de la que dan testimonio la Ley y los Profetas. Esta justicia de Dios llega, mediante la fe en Jesucristo, a todos los que creen. De hecho, no hay distinción, pues todos han pecado y están privados de la gloria de Dios, pero por su gracia son justificados gratuitamente mediante la redención que Cristo Jesús efectuó. Dios lo ofreció como un sacrificio para obtener el perdón de pecados, el cual se recibe por la fe en su sangre. Así demostró su justicia, porque a causa de su paciencia, había pasado por alto los pecados pasados. Lo hizo para demostrar en el tiempo presente su justicia. De este modo Dios es justo y, a la vez, el que justifica a los que tienen fe en Jesús. ¿Dónde, pues, está la jactancia? Queda excluida. ¿Por cuál principio? ¿Por el de la obediencia de la Ley? No, sino por el de la fe. Porque sostenemos que todos somos justificados por la fe y no por las obras que la Ley exige.

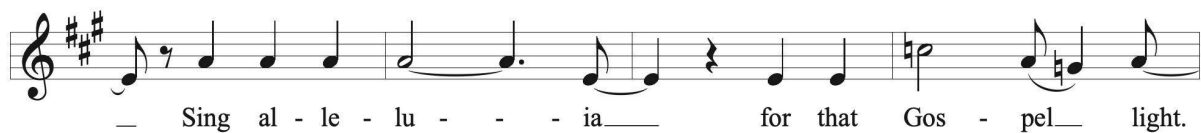
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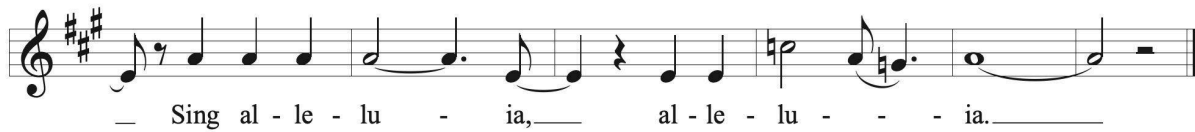
Demos gracias a Dios

+ Gospel Acclamation

Sing Alleluia

by Tim Gustafson (2024)





+ Gospel Reading - John 8:31-36

The gospel according to John, the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Jesús se dirigió entonces a los judíos que habían creído en él, y les dijo:—Si se mantienen fieles a mis palabras, serán realmente mis discípulos; y conocerán la verdad, y la verdad los hará libres. —Nosotros somos descendientes de Abraham —le contestaron—, y nunca hemos sido esclavos de nadie. ¿Cómo puedes decir que seremos liberados? —Les aseguro que todo el que peca es esclavo del pecado —afirmó Jesús—. Ahora bien, el esclavo no se queda para siempre en la familia; pero el hijo sí se queda en ella para siempre. Así que, si el Hijo los libera, serán ustedes verdaderamente libres.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

Sermon - Pastor Amanda Simons

+ Hymn of the Day

Lead With Love

Melanie DeMore (2016)

+ Prayers of the People

*Following each petition: God of Grace, **hear our prayer.***

+ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

Y también contigo.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words “Peace be with you” or “La paz del Señor.”

MEAL

Offertory

Let Us Not Become Weary

by Benjamin Kornelis (2016)

Hope Choir; Mark Nelson, bass; Katie Hale Bartholf, soloist

Text: Gal. 6:9-10a; Micah 6:8b

As an act of gratitude and participation in God’s work among us, we offer our gifts. Thank you for supporting the ministry we share together through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Financial offerings may be made online, via the QR code at the rear of the bulletin, by mail, or in the offering plate during Communion.

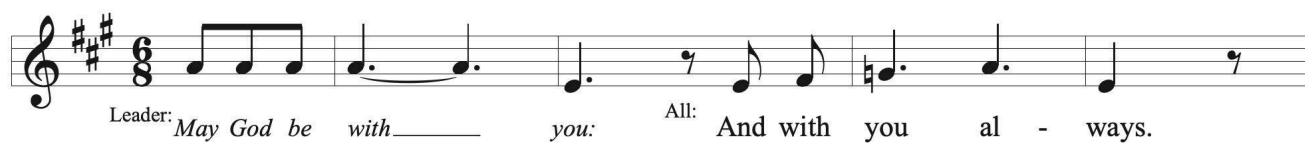
+ Offertory Prayer

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

+ The Great Thanksgiving

May God Be With You

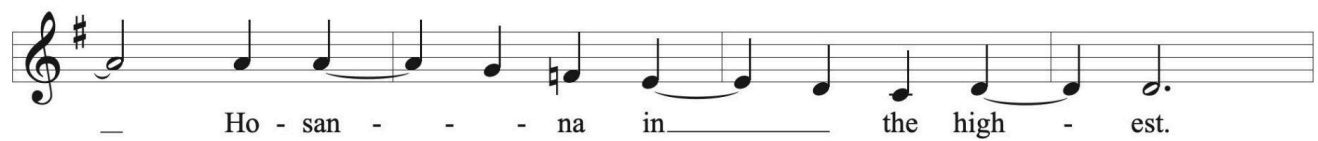
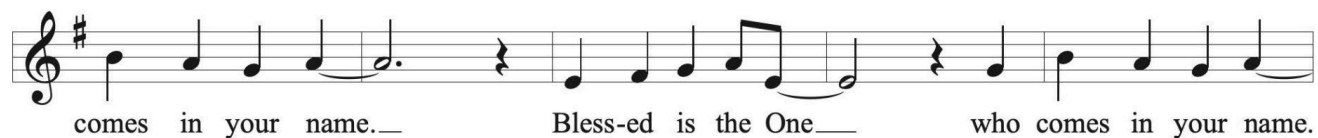
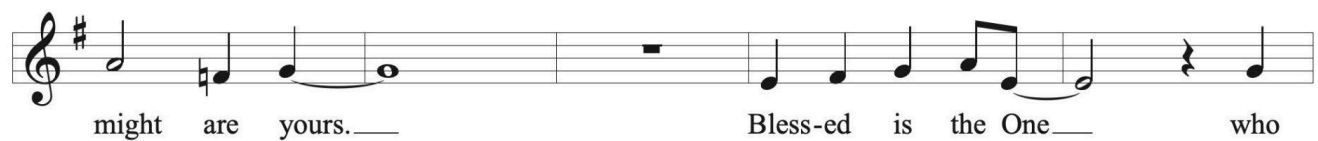
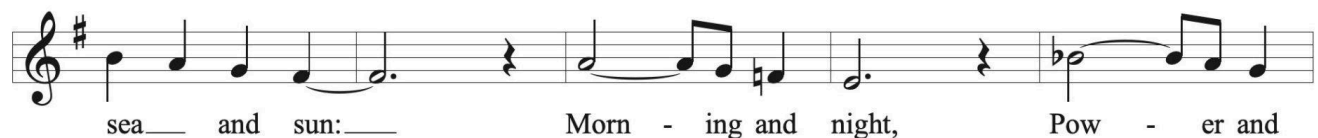
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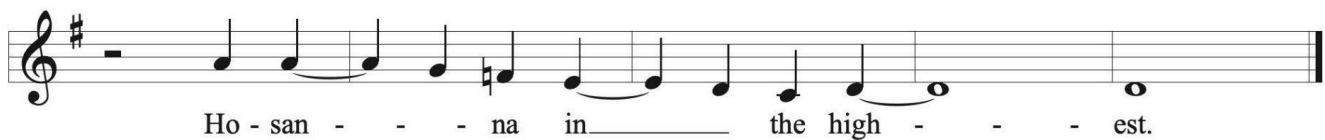


It is indeed...join their unending hymn:

+ Sanctus

by Tim Gustafson (2024)





+Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

+The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, 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.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.

If you are at home and sitting with others... When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: “This is the body of Christ, given for you.” When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, “This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.”

If you are at home on your own... Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: “You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today.”

If you are worshiping in-person today... We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), receive either the red wine or white grape juice in your cup, place your used cup in the basket. Children of all ages are welcome to partake at Holy Communion.

If you seek healing prayers today... A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will.

If you are so inclined during this time... You may dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, light candles for situations around the world and close to home or add a prayer to the prayer wall. All prayer slips remain anonymous. Periodically throughout the year, prayers are removed from the wall, blessed during worship, and burned in our courtyard fireplace as a sign of releasing our burdens and entrusting our concerns to God's care.

Music During Communion Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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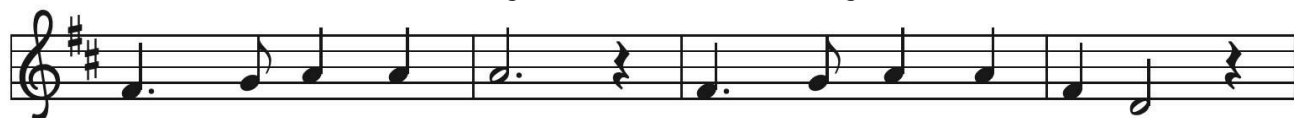
1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 and sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

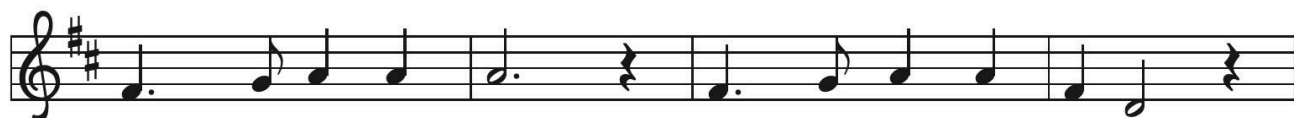
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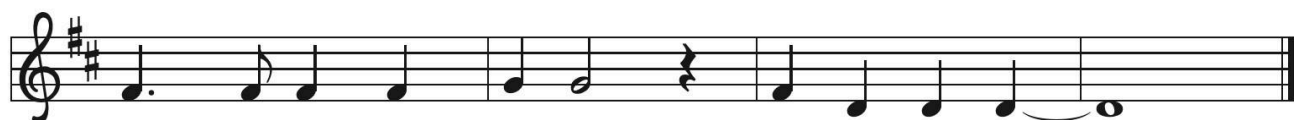
Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.



Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,



though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

We Are Belov'd by Tim Gustafson (2024)

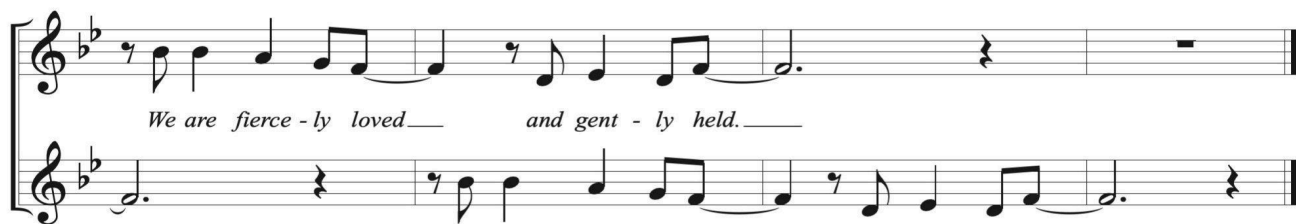


Leader: We are be-lov'd of God.

We are beau-ti-f'ly made.

All: We are be-lov'd of God.

We are beau-ti-f'ly made.



We are fierce - ly loved — and gent - ly held. —

— We are fierce - ly loved — and gent - ly held. —

Words: Based on a blessing by Rev. Jen Nagel. Adapted by Tim Gustafson. Music: Tim Gustafson
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+ Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

+ Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

+Announcements

SENDING

+Sending Hymn

Soli Deo Gloria (vss. 1-2 & 5)

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1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
 5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
 voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen

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+Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

+Dismissal

Go forth with joy, loving God and serving neighbors. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

You Belong in This World

Bret Hesla (2026)

ULCHers band

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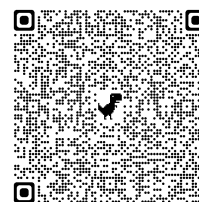
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Pastor Amanda Simons, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding minister); Beth Kautz (assisting minister); Hope Choir, Tim Gustafson, Mark Nelson, Paul Odenbach, Paul Stever (musicians); Jack Dant, Ruth Hedman, John Lauber, Karen Westwood (communion servers); Diane Greve (lector); Kyle Rosenberg (worship tech facilitator); Nancy Miller (greeter); Scott Hvizdos, Uli Koester, Leena Rapacz, Williams Santana (ushers); Layla Rapacz, Lydia Rapacz (acolytes); Kathy Kufus (worship prep); Ann Agrimson, Nancy Miller (communion clean-up); Mary Reimann-Perez, Ann Rolle (healing prayer)

Supporting our Somali Neighbors

Fridays, October 23rd & 30th, from 12 - 3pm

Once again, our Somali neighbors are being targeted by the federal government. ISALAH is coordinating Clergy and lay leaders to gather at mosques as a protective presence during Friday prayers until the election. Those who are able are also invited to do early voting together afterward. The list of participating mosques will be included in The Epistle, our midweek e-newsletter that comes on Wednesdays. Check in with Pastor Maria (mariaa@ulch.org) if you have further questions.

Collecting Names for All Saints

All Saints Sunday will be November 1st this year. We are collecting names of people in our lives who have died since All Saints Sunday 2025. There is a paper on the altar where you can write a name, or you can email a name to Pastor Amanda (amandas@ulch.org) and/or Pastor Maria (mariaa@ulch.org)