

HOLY COMMUNION NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 2023



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Welcome to Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana. Whether you are worshiping in person or online, we're glad you are here! Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering plate or complete it online at tigardlutherans.com/connect.

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As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

This worship service is being recorded and will be available on Facebook, YouTube, and the church website.

When indicated, please stand as you are able.

The assembly reads the **bold print.**

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins. Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

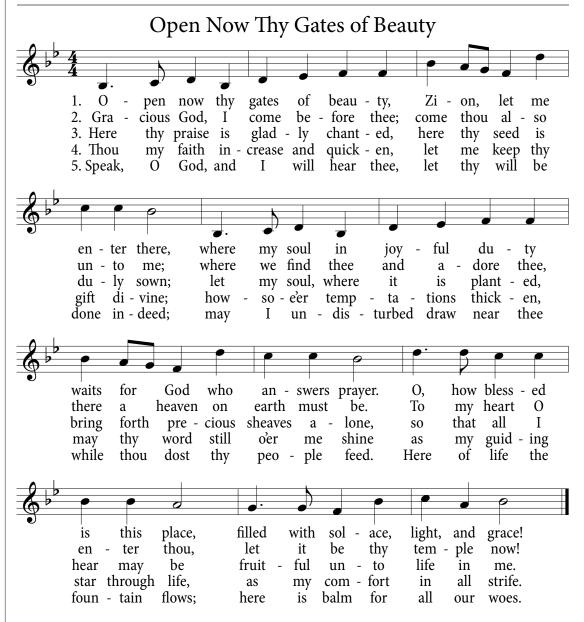
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God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of \pm Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

This text was written in 1732 by Benjamin Shmolck, a native of Silesia and a Lutheran pastor. Although he was one of only three clergy serving 36 villages, he wrote more than 1,000 hymns. Joachim Neander—yes, the same Joachim Neander who wrote the text for last Sunday's gathering hymn, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"—wrote the music in 1680.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 533

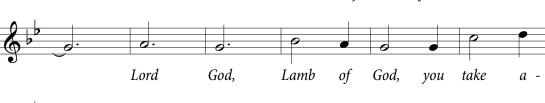


APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.





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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Word

READING 1 KINGS 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well. A reading from First Kings, the third chapter.

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.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 119:129-136

A reading from Psalm 119.

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.

Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

READING ROMANS 8:26-39

A reading from Romans, the eighth chapter.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CANTOR Praise the God of all creation, God of mercy and compassion.



CANTOR Many will come from east and west and will eat in the kingdom of heaven.

ALL **Refrain**

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The good news of the Savior.

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Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

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REV. JOSEPH MEDLEY

HYMN OF THE DAY

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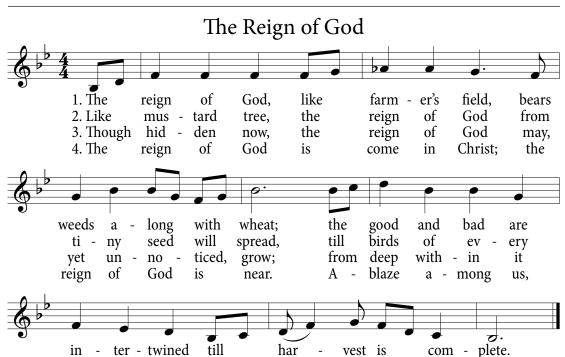
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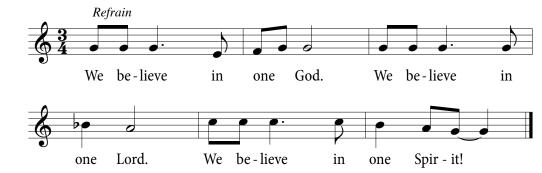
The assembly stands.

Delores Dufner wrote this text in 2003. She writes liturgical, scripturally based hymn and song texts which have a broad ecumenical appeal. She has received more than 50 commissions to write texts for special occasions or needs and has published over 200 hymns. Harry T. Burleigh adapted this tune from a spiritual, "I Know the Angel's Done Changed My Name." It is named McKEE for the minister of St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church in New York City. Burleigh, grandson of a Maryland slave, was baritone soloist at this church for 52 years.

CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

ALL



CANTOR We believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Refrain ALL

CANTOR We believe in Jesus, his Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary.

Refrain ALL

CANTOR Who was crucified on a cross, and for us he suffered death.

Refrain ALL

CANTOR We believe he rose from the dead, and is seated at the Father's right hand.

Refrain ALL

CANTOR And in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints.

Refrain ALL

CANTOR And the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection, and life forevermore!

Refrain ALL

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the

church, those in need, and all of creation.

Almighty God, we pray for the church and all servants of the gospel. Equip rostered and lay ministers to proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Form confirmands and catechumens into disciples. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, we pray for the well-being of creation. Safeguard the environment, clean polluted rivers and lakes, preserve the mighty tree and the tiny mustard seed, and send advocates for sustainable practices. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate God, we pray for the nations. Instill in all who govern the ability to discern between good and evil, free those who are oppressed, and protect those facing danger. Promote peace across the world and in our towns and neighborhoods. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, we pray for all in any need. Protect those fleeing from war, shelter any who are in poverty, clothe the naked, soothe all who grieve, and heal the sick, especially Del and Suzanne, Jean, Myrna and Jerry, Betty, Hal, and Gene and Pam. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The lay assistant offers the prayers.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we pray for this congregation, both those gathered today in person and online and those absent from our assembly. Grant safety to travelers and refreshment and safety for children attending summer camps or community programs. Give direction to any experiencing life transitions. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For what else do the people of God pray?

Eternal God, we give thanks for your saints who now rest from their labors. Inspire us by their witness to treasure the gospel, and continually nourish us with your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

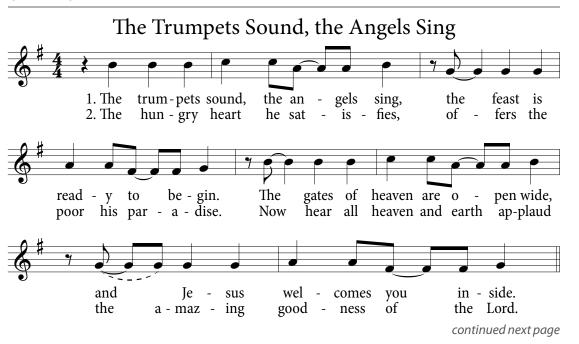
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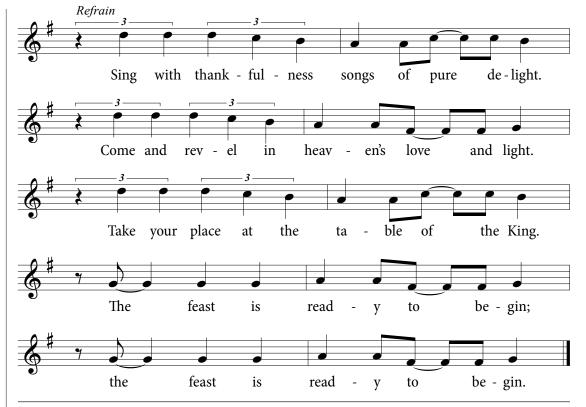
Meal

PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

OFFERTORY HYMN

The assembly stands.





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

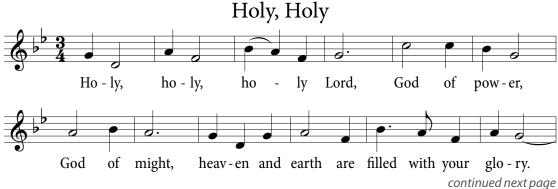
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

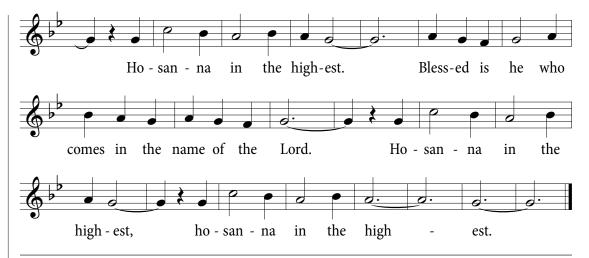
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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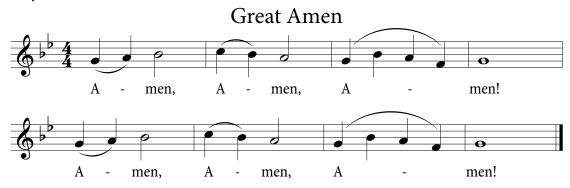
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. ... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.





Remembering, therefore, his salutary command ... be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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. All are welcome at this meal.

The assembly stands.

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in Chelan, Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processional song" for outdoor worship. The text is based on Matthew *5:13-15, the passage* that immediately follows the Beatitudes in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All people are welcome at Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, God of mercy and love. We thank you for the nourishment that sustains our living spirits. We ask that you guide us and bless us on our journey to strive for peace, justice, and wholeness for all. In the sacred name of the Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

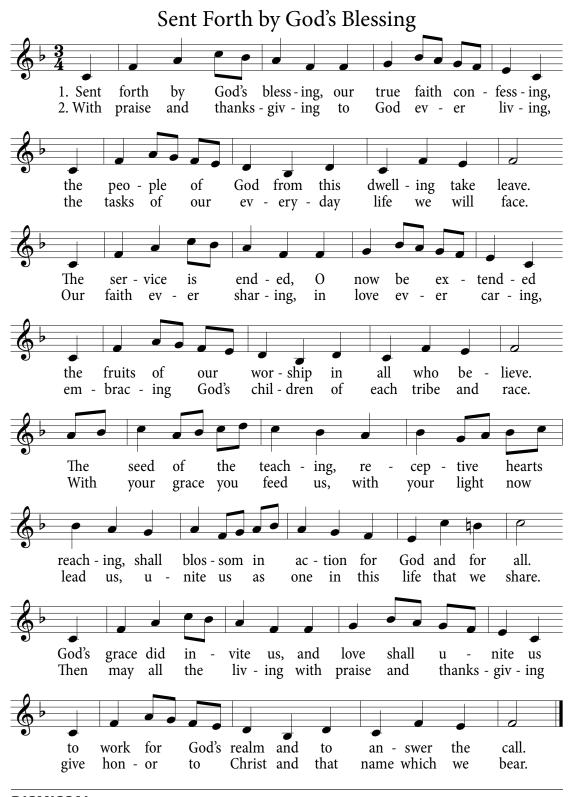
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SENDING BLESSING

Almighty God, Creator, + Redeemer, Holy Wisdom, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Omer Westendorf, author of numerous hymns, compiler of several hymnals, and founder of World Library Publications, included this hymn in People's Mass Book, 1964, the first vernacular Roman Catholic hymn and service book to implement the decrees of Vatican II. This Welsh folk melody, THE ASH GROVE, was traditionally sung to a tragic ballad recounting a hunting accident, entitled "Llwyn Onn." Another ballad sung to this tune in England was a happier tale of a country lover.

SENDING HYMN ELW 547



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

In-person and online worshipers are invited to spend a few moments greeting one another on the Zoom balcony.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



WORSHIP IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M.

Zoom "doors" open at 10 a.m. at the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86517107296?pwd=aVZp WFV0b0QzbFF6ZFVPTDFsL0FZQT09

Phone-in # 1-253-215-8782

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ADULT EDUCATION

A new study—Women of the Bible—begins
September 13. Plan to come along and meet the women who led Israel, followed Jesus, and helped shape the early church alongside Paul, Peter, and the other leaders.
The study will meet Wednesday evenings at 7 on Zoom.
Study books are available in the office. We welcome any donation you can make to help cover the cost of about \$15. Designate it for Bible Study.

Also coming this fall! A series of adult forums on our worship practices: music, movement, lectionary, hymnody, texts, and much more. Please be in touch with the office if you are interested.

NEW-MEMBER WELCOME • SEPTEMBER 17

We will welcome new members through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, September 17. Who do you know who is seeking a faith community, Christian fellowship, and perhaps baptism? Invite them to experience God's grace, welcome, and love at Christ the King. Please be in touch with Pastor Dorothy.

CRISTO REY

Hermanos y hermanas, ven a celebrar la misa bilingüe el segundo y el cuarto domingo de cada mes a las 5 p.m. Gracias a Dios!

Brothers and sisters, worship at bilingual mass the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 5 p.m. You don't have to speak Spanish. The service is printed in both languages.

PRAYER REQUESTS

When you have a prayer request, there are several ways you can communicate that with us. Please call the church office (503-639-2789), send an email to **ctkoffice**@ **tigardlutherans.com**, call Pastor Dorothy's cell phone (503-849-6383), or visit **tigardlutherans.com** and click on the Communication tab.

GIVING

There are several ways to share your tithes and offerings:

- Place your offering in the plate on Sunday morning.
- Mail a check to the church office (11305 SW Bull Mountain Rd., Tigard, OR 97224).
- Use your bank's online bill-pay service.
- Set up a recurring or single payment through Vanco by visiting our website and clicking on the Donate tab.
- Scan the QR code (right) with your mobile device to go directly to our giving page.

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Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana is a community of children of God who are seeking to know God by following the teachings of Jesus Christ, who welcomed all.

This community of faith is enriched and strengthened by diversity. We welcome all to share in the life and ministries of worship, sacraments, responsibilities, leadership, and blessings of participation in this congregation. We are committed to the work of racial equity.

Believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace differences of age, race, ethnicity, language, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, appearance, economic status, marital status, and family situation.

No matter what your life experience is or has been, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

Por lo tanto, recibios los unos a los otros, como también Cristo nos recibió, para gloria de Dios. Romanos 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana es una comunidad de hijos e hijas de Dios que buscan conocer a Dios siguiendo las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, quien ampara a todos.

Esta comunidad de fe se enriquece y fortalece con la diversidad. Damos la bienvenida a todos a compartir la vida y los ministerios de adoración, sacramentos, responsabilidades, liderazgo, y bendiciones de participación en esta congregación. Estamos comprometidos con el trabajo de la equidad racial.

Creyendo que el amor y la gracia ilimitados de Dios se ofrecen a todos y están destinados a ser compartidos y celebrados por todos, aceptamos las diferencias de edad, raza, etnia, idioma, identidad y expresión de género, orientación sexual, habilidades físicas y mentales, apariencia, estado económico, estado civil, y situación familiar.

No importa cuál sea o haya sido tu experiencia de vida, eres un hijo(a) de Dios y eres bienvenido(a) aguí.

