

## Worship Guide – Sunday, January 22, 2023 10:45 am

**Gathering Song: “God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace” (first time Celebration sings refrain, then congregation repeats refrain – Celebration sings verses)**

### Refrain

God of promise, let these signs of grace  
kindle in our hearts a song of praise.

- 1 *Life-giving water soaking our dryness,  
drowning our sin each day, making us new—  
mercy come streaming from you. Refrain*
- 2 *Word of proclaiming, breath on the water,  
planting your promise—the voice from above:  
"This is my child, my beloved." Refrain*
- 3 *Oil of anointing, fragrant with power,  
naming us holy while holding our pain—  
mark of the life that we gain. Refrain*
- 4 *Bright light of Easter cleaving the darkness,  
shining upon and within us today—  
beacon of hope on the way. Refrain*
- 5 *Robe of adoption growing God's fam'ly,  
wrapping our brokenness in the divine—  
love become symbol and sign. Refrain*

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### **Announcements and Greeting**

**Gathering Song: “Make Me a Servant”**

Make me a servant, humble and meek.

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant,

Make me a servant today.

(Repeat)

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## **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.**

## **Kyrie – ELW 151**

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

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## **Prayer of the Day**

**Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## **Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

## **PrayGround – Faith Quest Choir sings “*The Wise Man and the Foolish Man*”**

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## **Welcoming the Gospel – ELW 174**

Alleluia, alleluia.

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## **Gospel – Matthew 4:12-23**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 4th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon – Kristi Weber**

## **Song of the Day: “*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*” ELW 817**

1 You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.

*Refrain* Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.

2 You know full well what I have, Lord:  
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain*

3 You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary--  
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*

4 You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain*

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

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**Prayer Song: “Hear Our Prayer” ELW 178**

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.

God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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**Prayers of the People**

L: Lord in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

**Prayer Song: “Hear Our Prayer” ELW 178**

**Noisy Offering and Offering of Music: “Show Me, Teach Me, Lead Me”**  
**Nancy M. Raabe – Celebration**

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Noisy offerings (coins collected in a metal bucket or clean empty food can) support the ministries of the Eastern North Dakota Synod. These ministries include Red Willow Bible Camp, Park River Bible Camp, Christus Rex campus ministry at UND, Crossroads campus ministry at NDSU, Dacotah O’Yate Lutheran Church on the Spirit Lake Reservation, The Way (Native American Christian Ministry), South Sudan Lutheran Church in Fargo, and our partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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**Offertory: “We Are an Offering” ELW 692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,

Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,

All that we hope to be,

We give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

We lift our lives up to you:

We are an offering, we are an offering.

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### **Offering Prayer**

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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,  
Forever and ever. Amen**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen**

### **Hymn: "God's Work, Our Hands"**

- 1 God's work, our hands: working together,  
building a future, repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.  
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.
  
- 2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,  
following Jesus to places unknown,  
walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
running the race with God's future the goal.  
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

- 3 God's work, our voice: singing together,  
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
praying for peace, shouting for justice,  
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.
- 4 God is at work in and around us:  
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!  
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,  
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.  
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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