

**Invitation to Offering**

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,  
to present yourselves as a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to God.  
Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

**OFFERTORY**

Stefen Kane, flute

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
for you have chosen the poverty of the world  
to make your people rich in faith.  
Help us to put our faith into practice  
through the offering of our lives—  
giving food to the hungry,  
clothes to the naked,  
and shelter to the poor;  
all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
your Word made flesh. Amen.*

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

Worship Ensemble

— *Sending* —

**\*HYMN #547**

Go, My Children, with my Blessing

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The blessing of the one God—  
Spirit, Son, and Father—  
be with you now and always. *Alleluia!*

Lead a life worthy of your calling,  
giving glory to God in all things. *Amen.*

**\*POSTLUDE**

To God be the Glory

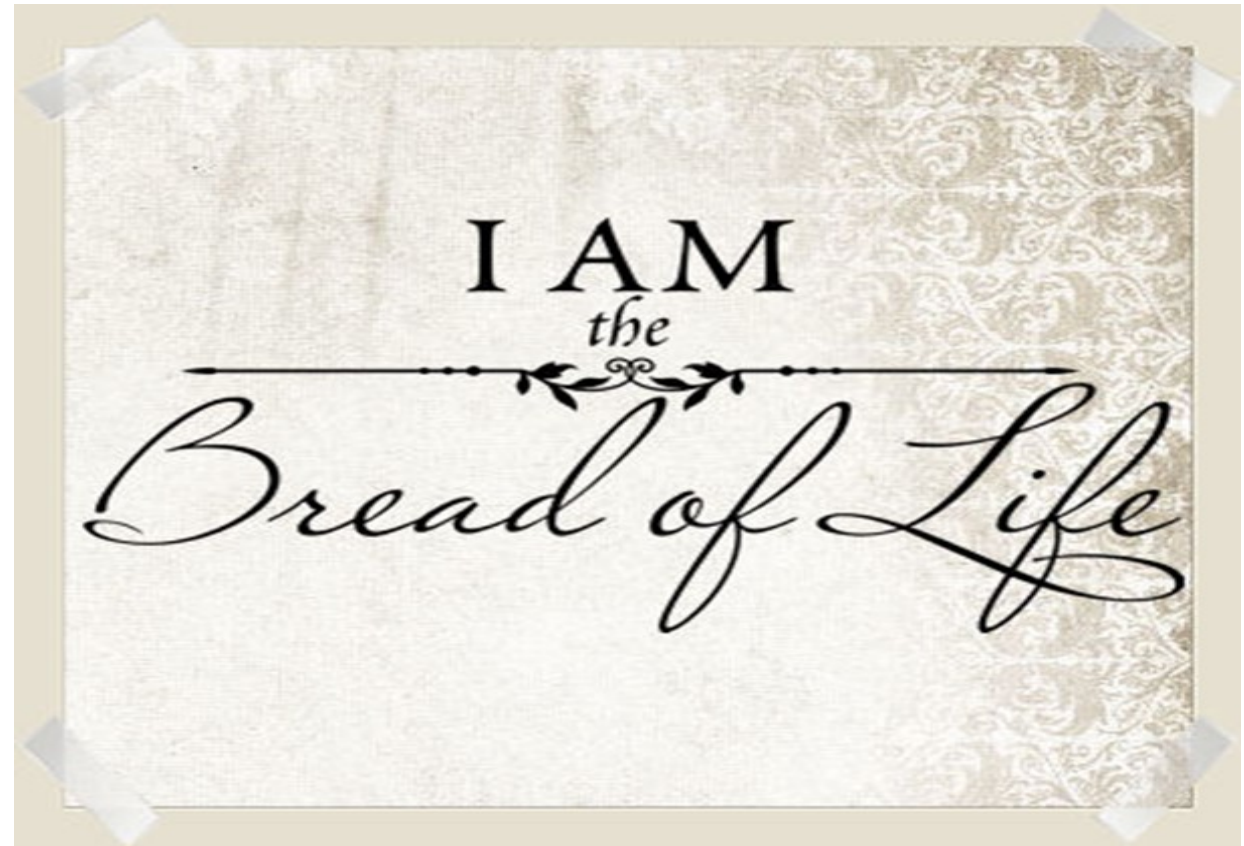
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*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



*11th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 8, 2021  
Service for the Lord's Day*

(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit.

*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses

— *Gathering* —

**PRELUDE** All Creatures of Our God (arr. Hayes) Joshua Allen  
**WELCOME** Rev. Michele Goff  
**INTROIT** Psalm 98 Stefen Kane and Joshua Allen

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist: Carol Scoggins

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

*We sought the Lord, and God answered us.*

*God delivered us from all our fears.*

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

*Happy are those who take refuge in God.*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Grant us, O Lord,  
the grace always to do and think  
what accords with your purpose;  
that we, who cannot exist without you,  
may be enabled to live according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN #520** Taste and See

**CONFESSION**

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together:

*Hear our prayer, O God of grace.*

*You have called us to wear truth as a garment,  
but we are prone to lie and would rather wear a mask.*

*You have called us to struggle against evil in this world,  
but instead, we struggle for success and for power.*

*You have called us to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,  
but we keep it to ourselves, for fear of being judged.*

*Hear our prayer, O God of grace.*

*Clothe us in your strength, peace, and faith.*

*Wash us in your mercy,  
and make us imitators of your compassion.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

— *Word* —

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE**

1KINGS 19:4-8

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**EPISTLE READING**

Ephesians 4:25- 5:2

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL**

John 6:35, 41, 51

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY**

Rev. Michele Goff

**ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE**

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. **Amen.**

— *Response* —

**\*HYMN #694**

Great God of Every Blessing

**BACKPACK / BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*

*The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.*

*His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.*

*His service to men and women commits the church  
to work for every form of human well-being.*

*His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering  
so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.*

*His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity  
that marks human relations, and the awful consequences  
of the church's own complicity in injustice.*

*In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the  
promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all  
wrong.*

*The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.  
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(See Insert)

Our response this morning is *Loving God, hold us and our prayers.*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven...*