

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome at Christ’s table. The cup is offered as red wine, and white grape juice.
You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the first pews.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Just As I Am

Jack Brooks

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all God’s benefits. Lead us, O God, to confirm this world to your kingdom of love, justice and peace. Help us to live as the Lord requires: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

—Sending—

*HYMN #542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This is My Father’s World

Jack Brooks

You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.



JOSEPH FORGIVES HIS BROTHERS



Nancy Harris.....Administrative Assistant
Jack BrooksGuest Organist

*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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(*) Please rise in body or in spirit

Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Jack Brooks

WELCOME

Liturgist: John Hillin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable are his ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?

Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN #408

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of love, who sent Jesus among us, hear our confession and forgive our sin. When we invoke Christ’s name for selfish reasons, have mercy upon us. When our faith is convenient and does not lead to commitment, surround us with grace that we may repent. We are prone to call on you to satisfy our needs; may our hearts be open to the needs of others. We only obey when there is no cost to our comforts. Remind us of your cross. Forgive our leisurely approach to your sacrifice for us as Christ intercedes on our behalf.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Therefore, I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sin, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Friends, believe and proclaim the good news of the gospel: . I

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-31

Bible p. 16, Lg p.20-21

The word of God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:1-8

Bible p. 40-41, Lg p. 52-53

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Joseph’s Deeply Moving Experience

Rev. Steve Newton

—Response—

*HYMN #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as a reconciling community.

This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from one another.

Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to God’s call.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...Lord, in your mercy and love,

hear our prayer...

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Christian life – a life of following Jesus – is a life of response. We respond freely to what the God who reconciles all things has already done and given to us, in Jesus Christ. All that we have belongs to God.

Let us give of God’s own, with thanksgiving and joy.

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clear Heart

Jack Brooks

*DOXOLOGY #607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

—The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper —

—See Insert—