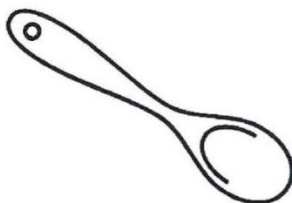


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AUGUST 31, 2025



LET US

**stir up**

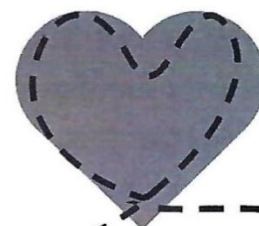
ONE ANOTHER TO

**love**

AND

**good works!**

HEBREWS 10:24



## Welcome & Call to Worship

Rev. Rachel Kramer

We gather in the presence of God to encounter Love that sets free.

**We do not come seeking crumbs of justice but a way of life that liberates.**

Together, we practice courage in resisting evil and rejecting the temptations of complicity and complacency.

**The Spirit leads us in power and truth.**

Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that lifts broken spirits and brings new life from places of ruin.

**With hope that is neither narrow nor fragile, we come to follow Christ.**

### Hymn

### 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

#### [Chorus]

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day  
when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still, my soul will sing  
Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again

#### [Chorus]

Whatever may pass  
and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Yes, I will worship Your holy name  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

#### [Chorus]

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness,  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

#### [Chorus]

## **Children's Time**

Rev. Rachel Guevara

**Theme:** *Stirring Up One Another to Love*

## **Readings**

Voices from the Gathered Communities

*Jeremiah 29:5,7* “Build houses to live in. Plant gardens and eat what they grow. Rather, seek the peace and the prosperity of the city to which I exiled you. Pray to GOD for it, for if it prospers, you will prosper.”

*Micah 6:6-8* “What shall I bring when I come before GOD...?...God has already made abundantly clear what “good” is, and what GOD needs from you: simply do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with your God.”

*Hebrews 10:24-25* “Let us always think how we can stimulate each other to love and good works... encourage one another.”

*Galatians 6:9* “Never grow tired of doing good. We will reap a harvest... if we don't grow weary.”

*Matthew 20:25-28a* “Jesus said... Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve... just as the Chosen One came not to be served but to serve.”

## **Discussion**

Rev. Rhett Ansley

## **Hymn**

## **They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love**

We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity  
will one day be restored.

We Will work with each other,  
we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other,  
we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each one's dignity  
and save each one's pride. **Chorus**

### **Chorus:**

And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.

All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus,  
His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit  
who makes us one. **Chorus**

We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that  
God is in our land. **Chorus**

## **Prayers of the People**

Rev. Henry Martinez

Let us join together in prayer, offering our intentions for the church, the community, and the world.

*Prayer Response:*

In your mercy,  
**Receive our prayer**

## **Peace**

The Lord be with You.  
**And also with you.**

## **Offering**

Pat Salas

Today's offerings will be given to Western Farm Workers Association to support their local ministry. Electronic giving is available at the QR code:

**Offertory:** *Change My Heart, O God*

Change my heart Oh God,  
make it ever true.

Change my heart Oh God,  
may I be like You.

You are the potter, I am the clay,  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart Oh God,  
make it ever true.

Change my heart Oh God,  
may I be like You.



## **Great Thanksgiving**

Rev. Fr. Tom Sramek, Jr.

The Holy One be with you

**And also with you**

Open your hearts to the One who is Love

**We open our hearts to you, O God**

Let us give thanks to God who takes risks for love

**For the courage of the Holy that lives in us, we give thanks**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

Throughout history, O God, we have struggled to claim the power you have given us. Destructive forces within and around us make us question your call upon our lives. We turn ourselves over, in ways ordinary and remarkable, to what is. To what has been. To the familiar.

But you have created us for so much more. In Jesus, we saw a life lived in all its potential. In all its Sacred power. Life that is abundant. Love that was creative, and fervent for justice.

We saw, too, the consequences of living as if the Kingdom were close. And so we wonder.

If we live with such courage, what will we lose? In proclaiming truths that confront unjust power, do we stand a chance of survival? How will it go for us, if we are willing to risk everything for love?

You have never promised us safety, but you have shown us what is possible. The Spirit brings new life even to places of death.

Jesus, knowing the dangers ahead, still did not cave to the threats of power or give in to the temptations of the popular. There was nothing he would trade for his love of the suffering and betrayed, not even his own life.

On the night of his arrest, he gathered around a table with his companions. His friends. His beloveds in the struggle. Even the one who would turn him over to the cross.

He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to all of them and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Take, eat, and remember me."

After the supper, he did the same with the cup, saying, "This is my blood, a symbol of the new covenant. Drink in remembrance of me."

In remembering the life of Jesus, we remember what he taught us about ourselves – about the power God has given us. We remember that God enfleshed is Good News that feeds, that protects, that heals, and delivers. We remember the words he spoke: “whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these.”

And so we pray, pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, O God. Through these gifts, fill our hearts with courage to believe the Kingdom is within us, to live boldly in pursuit of love that liberates, and to follow the Wisdom that leads from the margins.

Blessed be this meal of hope.

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, in the language or version of our hearts:

### **Communion**

### **Build a Longer Table**

Build a longer table, not a higher wall,  
feeding those who hunger,  
making room for all.

Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces;  
false divisions end.

Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;  
where the weak find shelter,  
mercy will not fail.  
For any place where justice is denied,  
Christ will breach the jail wall,  
freeing all inside.

Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.  
When we embrace  
compassion more than fear,  
Christ tears down our fences:  
all are welcome here.

When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway  
to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Rev. Adam Hange

*Hillsboro United Church of Christ*

God, we give you thanks! For this meal that nourishes us in body and spirit. For a taste of your dreams. For the earth that gifts us these resources. And for these bodies of ours through which you take on flesh. May our gratitude produce faithfulness and our faithfulness produce justice.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Rev. Rachel Guevera

### **Sending Song**

Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!

### **Dismissal**

Rev. Rachel Kramer

Go in peace, led by the Spirit!  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Announcements/ Anuncios

**Clean Up from Today** - Volunteers to help reset after today's worship are much appreciated!

**Community Grief Group** begins at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church in October. Share with others grieving the loss of a loved one, explore coping skills and common challenges, and receive support and encouragement. Agape Grief Group is open to all and meets in person, twice per month. Please call 503-648-5660 for information.

You are invited to stop by our **Craft Fair** on Saturday, October 25, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church. Shop from a variety of vendors, and grab a snack at our bake sale! Come for crafts, tamales, fellowship with others in the community, and holiday shopping.

**Bonhoeffer Weekend in October** - October 25 at 9 am - Workshop (in person only) With Courage and Humility: Bonhoeffer's Ethical Approach for Us Today at St. Andrew Lutheran Church (12405 SW Butner Rd, Beaverton, OR 97005)

October 25 at 7 pm - Lecture (hybrid) Life Together as Resistance at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (10390 SW Canyon Rd, Beaverton, OR 97005)

October 26 at 10 am - Worship & Sermon (hybrid) A Miracle of Divine Mercy, followed by an Adult Forum (hybrid) at 11:30 am - What Does It Mean to Tell the Truth? - at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church (17625 NW Cornell Rd #3275, Beaverton, OR 97006)

Free will donation will benefit refugee services at Lutheran Community Services NWEvent

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