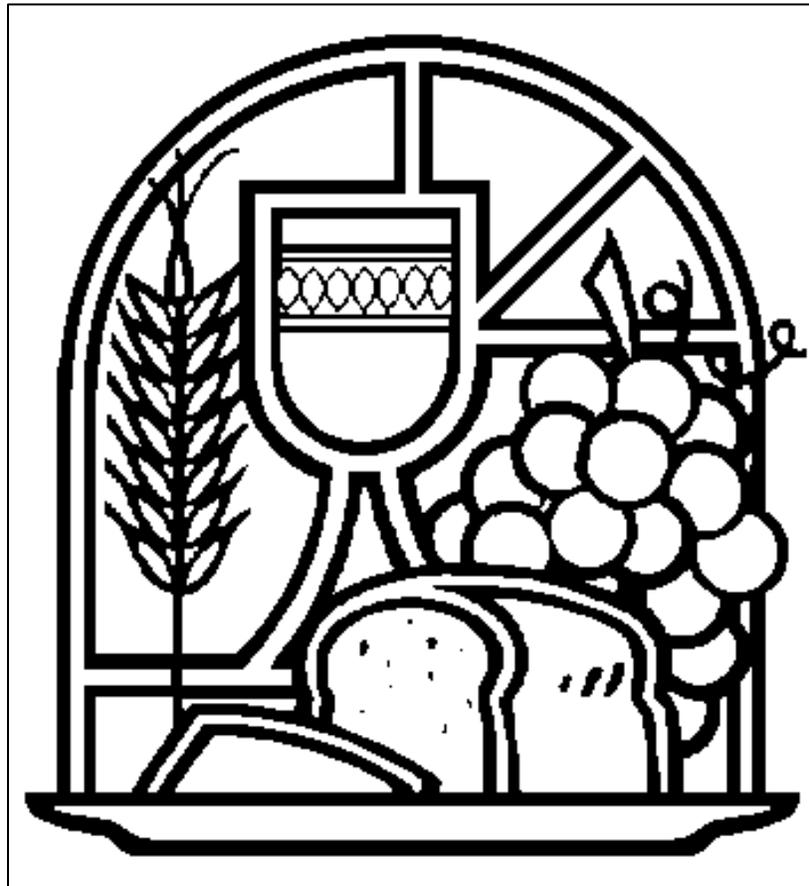


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Celebrating our history, we look toward our future.



The Order of Worship

Communion & Ordination & Installation of Officers

February 4, 2018

WELCOME. *We are delighted to have you with us this morning!
Following worship, please join us for fellowship and refreshments.*

Large Print Hymnals and Children's Activity Bags
are available from the Usher.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: Now is the moment of grace. This is the hour of blessing.

All: Today is the day of salvation.

Here find the path to new life.

One: Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.

All: For this is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and sing and be glad in it!

One: Let us worship God!

Hymn #504 *“We Come as Guests Invited”

***Prayer of Confession:**

One: God offers us an open, standing invitation to receive forgiveness and to be welcomed home. Let us prepare to receive God’s forgiving grace by acknowledging the truth about ourselves. Let us pray...

**All: Holy God, you always extend your invitation to us
and your welcome for us.**

But we respond with caution,

fearful of what may be required of us.

**We respond with uncertainty and hesitancy,
full of excuses.**

**We fail to make a full commitment to serving you
or others.**

(continued....)

**O God, release us from our fears and guilt,
and enable us to respond with thanksgiving and joy.
Help us to accept your invitation to pray, give,
and serve with joy and expectation,
following the example of Jesus in our own life.**

One: Our prayers continue in silence.... Amen.

***The Assurance of Pardon**

One: This is no vain hope.

All: We have been accepted by God through Jesus Christ.

One: This is the good news. We are a forgiven people,
sustained by God's love and grace.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Celebration of Our Pardon**

Hymn 494 "*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*" verse 1

*Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, Thou light of all,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.*

***The Peace**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ,

All: Let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the signs of peace with one another.

*You are invited to greet those around you
with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:2-22

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "The Joyful Feast of the People of God"
Rev. Dr. Steve Robertson

***Hymn #515** "I Come With Joy" *verses 1, 2, and 3 only*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is indeed right....

(the prayer continues...)

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

**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.**

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward to receive the elements. If you are unable to move forward the servers will come to you in your pew.

Prayer Following the Meal

**Welcoming God: At this table in this place,
we have touched and tasted the signs and symbols of your
love for us.**

**Grant now that in response and with thanksgiving,
we may go from here, filled with grace
and joy in our hearts.**

**And may the joy we have experienced in this place,
guide our work and be a visible part our daily lives.
Amen.**

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Prayer of Ordination and Installation *(unison)*

**Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit
upon these your servants whom you called through
baptism as your own.**

Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

**Give them a spirit of truthfulness
that they may demonstrate the compassion of Christ
in the actions of their daily living.**

Guide them to rightly govern your church.

**Give them the gift of your Holy Spirit
to build up the church,
to strengthen the common life of your people,
and to lead with compassion and vision.**

**In their walk of faith and for their work of ministry,
give your servants gladness and strength,
discipline and hope, humility and humor,
courage and an abiding sense of your presence. Amen.**

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

***Offertory Response**

Hymn 494 “*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*” verse 1

*O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments calm and bright,
O chase the night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.*

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn #769** *“For Everyone Born”*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Response**

Hymn #514 *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”* verse 1

*Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy;
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around; loaves abound!*

Postlude

Prayer Requests/Prayer Chain: Prayer requests can be written on the blue cards found on the table at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Pass the card to the pastor during the Passing of the Peace.

This service is broadcast each Sunday on station KDWA 1460 AM/97.7 FM, and is lived streamed on www.kdwa.com.