

Thank you for joining us as we  
Worship our Lord  
February 7, 2021  
Blended Communion  
9:45am Service



They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

*Isaiah 40:31*

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Even understanding God's word is a gift and our treasure. God loves to give His word to us. Thank you for giving your noisy change. We gathered \$180.14.

## *ALTAR FLOWERS IN HONOR OF MARAH KOBRIN*



*Happy 13th Birthday Marah!!*

**Sunday February 7, 2021  
Blended Communion Service  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**Pre-Service Music**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG**

***“Draw me Close”***

Draw me close to You  
Never let me go  
I'll lay it all down again  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend.  
You are my desire  
No one else will do  
Nothing else will take your place  
To feel the warmth of your embrace  
Help me find a way, bring me back to You.

You're all I want  
You're all I ever needed  
You're all I want  
Help me know You are near.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Isaiah 40:21–22, 28; Psalm 147:3, 5*

**Pastor:** Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

**People:** **It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, . . . who stretches out the heavens like a curtain.**

Pastor: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

**People: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

Pastor: He heals the brokenhearted

**People: and binds up their wounds.**

Pastor: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

**People: His understanding is beyond measure.**

### **CONFESSION**

Pastor: O God, You have come to call us to repentance and faith, to salvation and life. We come before You to confess and repent of our sins.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the times we have tried to keep our faith a private concern, failing to be all things to all people for the sake of Your kingdom, instead seeking Your blessings only for ourselves.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the times we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have neglected prayer and concern for the community in need around us and for people throughout the world.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the many faults and failings that are known only to You.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

#### **KYRIE**

***(Spoken)***

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For heaven-sent peace and the hope of salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Pastor: For global peace and the Church's growth in faith and hope, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who here return thanks to God for the hope within them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Christ, have mercy, now and forever. Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

***"Create in Me"***

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and renew a right Spirit within me.

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family, the Church, continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 40:21–31*

*(English Standard Version)*

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; <sup>23</sup> who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. <sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*Psalm 147:1–11*

Elder: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People: <sup>2</sup>The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

Elder: <sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. <sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

People: <sup>6</sup> **The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!**

Elder: <sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. <sup>9</sup> He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

People: <sup>10</sup> **His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, <sup>11</sup> but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

## EPISTLE

## **1 Corinthians 9:16–27**

*(English Standard Version)*

<sup>16</sup> For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. <sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. <sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I

discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**(Please rise out of respect for the Gospel)**

**VERSE**

**Mark 1:39**

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:29–39**

*(English Standard Version)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup> And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup> That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup> And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup> And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup> and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
of the virgin Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian  
and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism  
for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come.  
Amen.

**FEEDING OF THE LAMBS**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

***“On Eagle’s Wing”***

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord  
“My refuge, my rock in whom I trust.”

**CHORUS:**

***And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of His hand.***

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear  
Under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness Your shield.

**CHORUS:**

For to His angels He’s given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways  
Upon their hands they will bear you up  
lest you dash your foot upon a stone.

**MESSAGE**

***“Hunting for the Divine Hunter”***

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***(Responsive)***

Pastor: Let us pray for all people of God and for all people in their need. For the Church of God everywhere, that the Lord Jesus would continue to work among His people to forgive sins, deliver from death and the devil, and strengthen and preserve them in the one true faith

unto life everlasting, and that His people always remember why He has come as Savior from sin, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the kingdoms of this world, that God would guide rulers to act with justice and integrity in service to all those entrusted to their care, and that when surrounded by violence and uncertainty, His people might trust in His unsearchable wisdom and cling to His promises of rescue in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who grieve and those in need of healing and deliverance, that God who heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds would grant them relief and preserve them in the hope of His steadfast love in Christ Jesus. For those who suffer from chronic illness and long-term suffering that, as Jesus healed the mother-in-law of Simon Peter, God would give power to the faint, increase the strength of those who have no might, and preserve them in patience and the faith that in Christ they will mount up with wings like eagles, run and not be weary and walk and not faint, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Matthew 6:9–13**

***Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:***

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.

### **FIRST FRUITS OFFERING**

*A tithing bowl is located at the Sanctuary Entrance.  
Thank you.*

### **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

*(Spoken)*

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of Power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My †body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

You have been given a packet upon arrival.  
The elements in the packet are now blessed  
as the true Body and Blood  
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Take and carefully open the wafer.  
This is the true body of Christ.  
Now take and carefully open the other side  
containing the wine/juice.  
Drink His blood sacrificed for you.

(Please place the empty packet back into the bag)

**DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

**DOXOLOGY**

***Hymn #461***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: As the Lord healed the mother-in-law of Peter, so He heals the wounds of our hearts.

**People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: As Jesus sent away the evil spirits, so He gives us His Spirit of faith and love.

**People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: As He preached the Gospel to all of Galilee, so He brings His life to us.

**People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: In all we do for the sake of the Gospel, that we may share in its blessings.

**People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG**

***"Soul on Fire"***

**CHORUS**

***God, I'm running for Your heart***

***I'm running for Your heart***

***Til I'm a soul on fire***

***Lord, I'm longing for Your ways***

***I'm waiting for the day***

***When I'm a soul on fire***

***Til I'm a soul on fire***

**REPEAT**

Lord, restore the joy I had and I have wandered

Bring me back

In this darkness lead me through

Until all I see is You

**CHORUS**

Bridge: Lord, let me burn for You again

Let me return to You again

**CHORUS**