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We are glad you are worshipping with us! If you are looking for a church home or if you would like a pastoral visit, let us know by giving your contact info. to an usher or the Minister. **Our mission** *Living in God's grace, we reach out to invite & welcome all with God's Love.* **Our welcoming statement** *We welcome people of every age, color, culture and political persuasion, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and ability as we celebrate together our unity in Christ. Messiah is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.*

*According to our 2022-2023 Mission Action Plan:
"In all we say and do we ask for God's guidance."*

A Celebration of the 8th Anniversary of Messiah being a Reconciling In Christ Congregation November 19, 2023

Confession and Forgiveness:

Sisters and brothers, we gather in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

By the waters of baptism, we have become members of the Body of Christ, yet our sins have caused pain and trauma to each other. We have failed to do good. We have not sought justice in the face of grave oppression, nor heeded God's command to care for the widow and orphan.

As we gather, let us reflect on our actions and inactions and learn to do good and seek justice. We need God's grace to overcome our divisions and to uproot systems and structures that have contributed to the fracturing of our communities. We pause for a moment of personal confession and to honor our collective confession.

May God, in God's mercy, free you from your sins so that you can do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God. **Amen.**

Hymn: "All Are Welcome" ELW # 641

Verse 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live.

A place where saints and children
tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace.

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Verse 2

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true.

Where all God's children dare to seek

to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace.

Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Verse 3

Let us build a house where love is found,
in water, wine and wheat.

A banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us;

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Verse 4

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone.
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear
the image of God's face.
Let us bring an end to fear and danger;

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Verse 5

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard.
And loved and treasured, taught and
claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace.
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter;

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie, p. 147 (please respond in singing)

Glory to God in the highest, p. 148 (please respond in singing)

Let us pray: Forgiven God, **we praise you that through the living waters of baptism our sins are washed away and we become the Body of Christ, the church, the branches. We offer our thanksgiving and praise to you. Together on this journey, we celebrate with our hearts and eyes open to understanding and growing in the sacred wisdom that is shared and passed among all people. Help us to embrace unity with each other, and remind us that we are of one family gathered by your Holy Spirit, in the midst of your creation. Amen.**

Choir

Children's Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 10:12-18

¹²⁻¹³ So now Israel, what do you think God expects from you? Just this: Live in his presence in holy reverence, follow the road he sets out for you, love him, serve God, your God, with everything you have in you, obey the commandments and regulations of God that I'm commanding you today—live a good life.

¹⁴⁻¹⁸ Look around you: Everything you see is God's—the heavens above and beyond, the Earth, and everything on it. But it was your ancestors who God fell in love with; he picked their children—that's you!—out of all the other peoples. That's where we are right now. So cut away the thick calluses from your heart and stop being so willfully hardheaded. God, your God, is the God of all gods, he's the Master of all masters, a God immense and powerful and awesome. He doesn't play favorites, takes no bribes, makes sure orphans and widows are treated fairly, takes loving care of foreigners by seeing that they get food and clothing.

Psalms 113

Hallelujah! You who serve God, praise God!

Just to speak God's name is praise!

Just to remember God is a blessing— now and tomorrow and always.

From east to west, from dawn to dusk, keep lifting all your praises to God!

God is higher than anything and anyone, outshining everything you can see in the skies. Who can compare with God, our God, so majestically enthroned, surveying God's magnificent heavens & earth?

God picks up the poor from out of the dirt, rescues the forgotten who've been thrown out with the trash, seats them among the honored guests, a place of honor among the brightest and best. God gives childless couples a family, gives them joy as the parents of children. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 15:1-13 (printed on the back of the bulletin)

Gospel Acclamation, p. 151

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd Chapter. (printed on the back of the bulletin)

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn: "Take My Life, That I May Be " ELW # 685

1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

(APOSTLES' CREED), p.105

Prayers of Intercession

-please respond "**Teach us and show us the way**"

Passing the Peace while sitting

Offertory and Offering Hymn: "We Are an Offering" ELW # 692	
We lift our voices	All that we are
We lift our hands	All that we hope to be
We lift our lives up to You	We give to You
We are an offering	We give to You
Lord use our voices	
Lord use our hands	We lift our voices
Lord use our lives they are Yours	We lift our hands
We are an offering	We lift our lives up to You
	We are an offering
All that we have	We are an offering

Offertory Prayer: Let us pray, **Holy God, gracious and merciful to all of your children, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish all of creation. Turn our eyes, ears, and hearts toward those who hunger in any way. May all people know your care. Prepare us now to receive your feast, the bread of life. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, amen.**

Great Thanksgiving, p.152

Holy, Holy, Holy, p.153

Holy Communion: Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!**

Prayer after communion

Announcements

Blessing

Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" ELW # 793

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'n ward, O Pow'r of my
pow'r.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Go in peace, share the love of God! **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Coffee fellowship hosted by Sandy Olson & Ginny Pederson, join us downstairs for a discussion with Reverend Sara.

Special Advent Event for families on Wednesday, 11/29/23, starting at 5:30pm with a meal prepared by Chris Boland. There will be crafts and songs with minister Kristin, Diane and Alex. All are welcome.

It may seem early but Christmas and our Sharing Tree is coming. Please be on the lookout for the Christmas tree for the 10 children of prisoners as we are helping to bring a little joy to their families.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers and Stewards: Everyone
SAM: Kristin Boland
Preacher: Pastor Sara Bishop
Altar Guild: Wendy Murphy, Marne Belanger
Parish Assistant: Tracy Martinez Council President: Tom Mitchell
Usher: Sally Randell, Mary Westlund
Choir Director: Tom Yost, Pianist: Owen Polifka
Zoom Asst: Michelle Lampson
Asst. Liturgist: Cindi Orley

Thanks for faithful attendance. Nov. 12, 69 in-house, 5 on Zoom



Thank you for your generosity! So far Messiah's Stained Glass Window Fund has received \$84,944.25 toward our goal of \$100,000.

Prayers for Healing

Karen Bayliss
Abbie Cook-Blais
Sarah Garrison
Merrill Miranowski
Neil
Mary Cook
Ken Belanger
Duane Dehn

Requested by

Darlene Anderson
Mary Cook
Mary Cook
Bev Dehn
Cindi Orely
Linda Leis
Marne Belanger
Bev Dehn

Prayers for Comfort in grief

Karen Gorman
Charlie Guski
Geri Thomsen
Tom Doyle

Requested by

Cheryl Follis
The Family
Julie Vadnais
Diane Tetzner

Prayers

-Comfort and love to all affected by violence
-Comfort and help for those affected the devastating fires in Maui
-Peaceful resolution to the wars in Ukraine and Isreal

- Verne Pratt is at Court Manor in Ashland
- Wilma Lamken and Lois Osterberg are at The Oaks