

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**Music to Prepare for Worship:**

**Invitation to Worship:**

**Hymn: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (vs. 1) #468**

**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.**

**Refrain:**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Welcome & the Life and Ministry of Our Church**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD FOR US**

**Scriptures: 1 John 4:7-21 & John 15:1-11**

**Sermon: “Staying Connected.”**

**WE RESPOND IN LOVE**

**Call to Prayer: (Playing of the Koshi Chimes)**

**Prayers for Healing and Transformation**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Receive and Offer God’s Gifts:**

**Reverse Offering: Stittsville Food Bank**

**Song of Dedication: (vs. 1) #537**  
**Your work, O God, needs many hands  
to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve  
unless our gifts we share. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**WE SHARE IN COMMUNION**

**Hymn: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (vs. 2) #468**

**2 Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.**

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**Prayer of Great 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 God thanks and praise.**

**One: O Eternal Our God, we give thanks that from the very  
beginning, .... And so we join our voices with the faithful  
through the ages to offer you our praises as we say:**

**All: #932 Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

One: (concludes prayer)

**Receiving the Bread and Cup:** (We partake of the bread & cup.)

**Prayer Following Communion:**

**We offer you our thanks, O God, that through sharing this bread and cup, we have been reminded of your love for us in Jesus Christ, and of our unity with all of your people around the world. May the sharing of this meal be a sign of our faith, that you journey with us and all people, even through the difficult times, that your love can remove any barrier within and among us, and that you call us to strive to bring the peace of Christ to all of our relationships and to all the world. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE**

**Hymn: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (vs. 3) #468**

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out,  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!**

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**Commissioning and Benediction:**

**Music To Inspire Us As We Go:**

# COMMUNION



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