

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**Music to Prepare for Worship:**

**Hymn:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #664

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do our friends despise, forsake us?  
Are we tempted to despair?  
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,  
and we'll find new courage there.**

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

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

**Scripture:** Mark 6:1-13 & 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

**Sermon:** Dramatic Monologue - "Strength in Weakness: Thoughts from the Apostle Paul."

**Musical Offering:**

**WE RESPOND IN LOVE**

**Call to Prayer:** (The Koshi Chimes)

**Prayers for Healing and Transformation**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**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, the power and the glory, forever,  
and ever. Amen.**

**WE SHARE IN COMMUNION**

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

**Song of Dedication:** "Spirit of the Living God" (vs. 2 #376)  
**Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love! Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**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: "In Loving Partnership"**

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**1 In loving partnership we come,  
seeking, O God, your will to do.  
Our prayers and actions now receive;  
we freely offer them to you.**

- 2 We are the hands and feet of Christ,  
serving by grace each other's need.  
We dare to risk and sacrifice  
with truthful word and faithful deed.**
- 3 Loving community we seek;  
your hope and strength within us move.  
The poor and rich, the strong and weak  
are brought together in your love.**
- 4 In loving partnership, O God,  
help us your future to proclaim.  
Justice and peace be our desire,  
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.**

**Commissioning and Benediction:**

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