



The whole body joined and knit together... building itself up in love. — Ephesians 4:16 —

PHILIPPIANS: CONTENTMENT IN CHRIST

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# Who We Seek to Be

In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of

**Joyful Worship**, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

Loving Fellowship, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

**Life-changing Learning**, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

Enthusiastic Service, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

# WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: O Worship the King God Himself Is with Us

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are here to praise God because Jesus Christ has set us free to live.

# All: We are here because in Christ we are forgiven and made whole.

Leader: We are gathered because Jesus Christ has united us into one family of faith.

All: We will witness to the good news: Jesus Christ frees and unites. Praise God! Alleluia! Amen.

\* Opening Song: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Flor Peeters

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#### WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

- All: When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed.
- Pastor: People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

\* SONG OF ACCLAMATION Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Franz Schubert (Communion book, p. 20)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

#### \* Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* Church; The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

(Please share God's peace with those around you.)

#### WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: Meditation

Jules Massenet Deborah Klemme, violin

DIACONAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Treier

Annika Durbin

(Children may return to their seats.)



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### WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)
READER: DIANE JERDAN, STEPHANIE WECKESSER
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\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Psalm 8

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<sup>1</sup> Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.
<sup>2</sup> Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.
<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
<sup>4</sup> what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?
<sup>5</sup> You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.
<sup>6</sup> You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
<sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
<sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
<sup>9</sup> Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
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\* New Testament Scripture: Philippians 4:14-23

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

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<sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>21</sup> Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. <sup>22</sup> All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

<sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION: All Our Needs His Way

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

# Please approach the tables from the center aisles, and we ask that you return to your seats on the outside aisles.

If you would rather not go to the front, please feel free to remain seated. Tell an usher if you would like to be served in your seat.

If you would like to be seated at the lower tables, just take a seat in the front row while you wait for openings at those tables.

Please feel free to partake of the elements as you feel led.

If you prefer to be served by an elder who is wearing a face mask and gloves please indicate that to the usher at the front of the sanctuary.

During Communion, Susan Shadid and Steve Bretsen will be available on the stair landings at the back of the sanctuary if you would like prayer.

(Times of singing and silence.)

(Communion music is found in the Communion song book, unless otherwise noted.)

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## WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

- \* BENEDICTION
- \* POSTLUDE

# Today

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, **Katherine Anderson** will be available to pray with you near the platform.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Deborah Klemme, Ellie Durbin

	1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open Youth Group (Game Night)
This Week		
Tuesday	11:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	IPC softball game at Grace Church of DuPage
	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	<b>Bible Study</b> at Terra's, 26W430 Natalie Ct. Carol Stream, IL 60188
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Service for Marilyn Cook at Immanuel.

#### COMING

Summer Sundays - beginning June 11, 10:20 a.m. **Gathering Music** Sunday, June 25, 9:30 a.m. **International Cafe breakfast with the Zagamis** Sunday, July 9-30 9:30 a.m. **Book of Acts read aloud** July 15-21 **High School Mission Trip to Mexico** 

#### **Prayers during Communion**

#### Prayer to begin a new life in Christ

Dear God, I recognize Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of your people. I want to recognize now that he came to earth to die for *my* sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your grace and the saving blood of Christ. Please forgive me of my sins through the perfect sacrifice of your Son who died in my place. Jesus, come into my heart and change me from the inside out. Help me to truly repent from my previous way of living without you, and help me to surrender to your rule over my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Spirit that reveals to me the new life that I have in Christ and empowers me to walk in obedience to your truth and will for me. Amen.

#### Prayer for those struggling with sin

Merciful God, I am thankful that as your child I am not defined by my sin. Help me to walk in obedience to you in all areas of my life. Forgive me for the particular area(s) where I still succumb to temptation and disobey you. Help me to remember that in every area where I am tempted, your word promises that you will provide a way out of those temptations. Fill me with your Spirit, which working in me can do what I cannot do on my own. Help me to walk in obedience to your commands and also delight in them and your guiding words of truth. Please give me the courage to reach out to others in the body of Christ for strength and support when I am especially vulnerable. Amen.

#### Prayer for those wrestling with doubts and fears

Gracious God, even as your child I wrestle with the fact that your will for me is perfect and that you will supply all of my needs. Help me to set my mind on the truths of your word, and guard my heart when the enemy clouds my mind and heart with fear and doubt. Help me to rest in the peace and security of being your child, and by your Spirit testify with my spirit that I am yours when feelings tell me otherwise. Remind me of your love and delight in me as your child. Amen.

#### Prayer for those seeking freedom from their past

Almighty God, you have the power to set us free from the sins and entanglements of our past. Release me from the shackles of my past that I carry that you have released me from. Forgive me for holding my past against me in the ways that you do not, and enable me to grasp what it is for you to see me in the perfect righteousness of your Son, both now and forever. May your Spirit, the Spirit of liberty, liberate me from any thought or feeling that belies the fact that I am completely forgiven, or free to live the new life in Christ I have as your new creation. Amen.

# NOTES

#### **ELDERS**

Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Bill France, Sarah Holman, Ron Netzel, Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth

#### DEACONS

Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Seth Ehom (Chair), Debby France, Ron Haydon, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Joel Rose, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams

#### STAFF

George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor, Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life; Mary Hopper, Minister of Music; Annika Durbin, Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth; Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton

#### STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Leon Sinclair, Angela Wisdom, Annette LaPlaca