

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN CHRIST

PRELUDE *Like A River Glorious* arr. Walters
+CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of fear and anger;
in the midst of mayhem and destruction, God calls us.
With everything else going on, who has time for a feast?
We're busy, we'll get around to eating eventually.
In the midst of our anxiety, our worry;
in the midst of bill-paying and appointments, God invites us.
We are tempted to just grab a bite,
a sandwich between errands,
a snack we can eat while driving, or checking email,
or working on today's big project.
The feast is spread!
All are invited, all are welcome!
We are invited. We are welcome. We are worthy.
How will we respond?

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+OPENING HYMN *O Spirit of the Living God* # 539

KIDS TIME

ANTHEM *Sometimes I Hear God's Music* Sanctuary Choir

Sometimes I hear God's music like none I've heard before. The music of the gentle brook, the ocean's mighty roar. The singing of the nightingale, the thunder's mighty noise. The silence of the starry night, and I must add my voice. His music fills my heart with peace; it floods my soul with joy. His music makes my spirit sing and every note employ. The music of God's love for me He sent his Son to sing. The music of eternity throughout the heavens rings.

Sometimes I hear God's music like none I've heard before. The music of the gentle brook, the ocean's mighty roar. O the music of His sacrifice, of the death that Jesus chose. O the music of forever; Jesus Christ arose! All creation sing together of a love that faileth never, The music of forever. Praise God forever.

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD AND RESPOND IN FAITH

FIRST LESSON Exodus 32: 1-14

PSALTER Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord
or declare all his praise?
Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.
Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
help us when you deliver them;
that we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that we may glory in your heritage.
Both we and our ancestors have sinned;
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.
They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image.
They exchanged the glory of God
for the image of an ox that eats grass.
They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,
wondrous works in the land of Ham,
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.
Therefore he said he would destroy them—
had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him,

to turn away his wrath from destroying them.		+POSTLUDE	Standin' In the Need of Prayer	Arr M. Ham
SECOND LESSON		Philippians 4: 1-9		
+ GOSPEL LESSON		Matthew 22: 1-14		
+ACCLAMATION	Gloria Patri	# 70		
SERMON				
+HYMN	Trust and Obey	# 467		
CREED	A Modern Affirmation	#885		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE				
THE LORD’S PRAYER		# 895		
SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES				
Announcements & Mission Moment				
Offertory	God Is So Good	arr. Lucas		
+Doxology		#94		
WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD & NEIGHBOR				
				
+CLOSING HYMN	Take My Life and Let It Be	# 399		
+BENEDICTION				



Service of the Word

20th Sunday after Pentecost



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