

**September 3, 2017**  
(\*indicates standing as you are able.)

CHORUS OF PRAISE "Holy Ground" 2272

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & MINISTRY MOMENT

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence?

**If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there.**

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

**Even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast.**

\*HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" 117

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, You created us for Yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in You. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Your will, and no weakness from doing it. In Your light may we see life clearly and in Your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

LAMBS' TALK "Where Children Belong" 2233

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "You Are Welcome Here" -Marty Parks  
soloist: Don Dickinson, piano: Arlene Zook

SCRIPTURE John 6:44-58

SERMON Experiencing Jesus' Life in Communion

THE OFFERING

*(If you give electronically, you will find a Green E-Giving card, located in the pew-card rack, to place in the offering plate.)*

Offertory

\*Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN "Come, Share the Lord" 2269

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(The pastor prays, concluding: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The pastor prays, concluding, As we proclaim the mystery of faith)*  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*(The pastor continues, concluding with –all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever)*

**Amen!** *The pastor concludes saying: And now with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray:*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(using the word sins and sin)*

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

\*HYMN "Into My Heart" 2158

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Steven Livermore

Rev. Fran Norton

Mr. Robby Edwards

Pastor

Associate Pastor

Organist

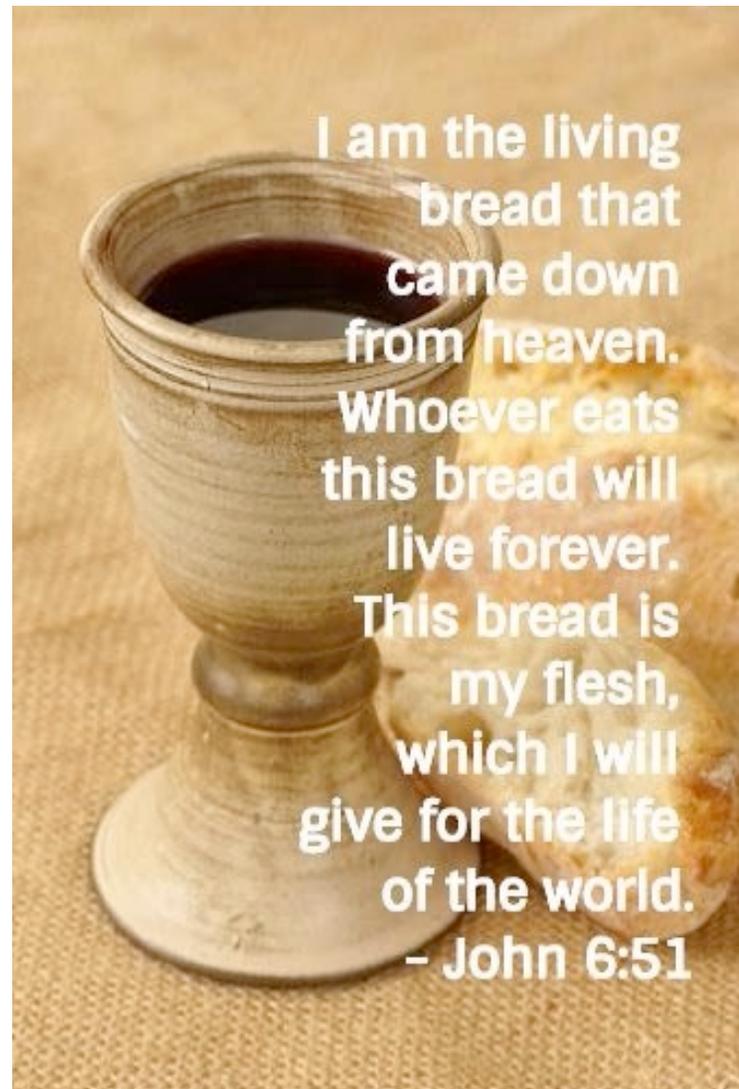
John 6:44 “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. 46 No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. 47 Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. 50 But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

52 Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

53 Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. 56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Notes:

1. Being drawn
2. Being nourished
3. Being Sustained



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