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JULY 15, 2018 • 11:00AM



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## GATHERING

**PRELUDE**      *On Eagle's Wings* | M. Joncas      Neil Thompson

**WELCOME & THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP** Rev. Dalton Rushing

*There will be no children's procession or reflection time during the month of July. These worship elements will resume in August. Children of all ages are invited to participate in all of our worship services. Nursery services are available until 12:15pm on the 1st floor for kids up to the age of rising Kindergarten, if needed.*

**INTROIT**      Chancel Choir Ensemble  
*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* | Katholisches Gesangbuch

*Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee; all on earth thy scepter claim; all in heaven above adore thee. Infinite thy vast domain; everlasting is thy reign. Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name thee, though in essence only one; undivided God we claim thee, and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      Taylor Kaiser

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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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, and the power,  
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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**      Rev. Dalton Rushing

**OFFERING**      Chancel Choir Ensemble  
*Gloria* (from 12th Mass.) | W.A. Mozart

**Translation:** *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to all. We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee. We give thanks for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

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**ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**LEADER:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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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 continues ...*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company in 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
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## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Communion is open to everyone, no exceptions.  
All the communion bread is gluten, egg, and dairy free.*  
**Communion Servers:** Rev. Dalton Rushing, Rev. Joya Abrams,  
Rick and Lisa Gillig

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING** Rev. Joya Abrams

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

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