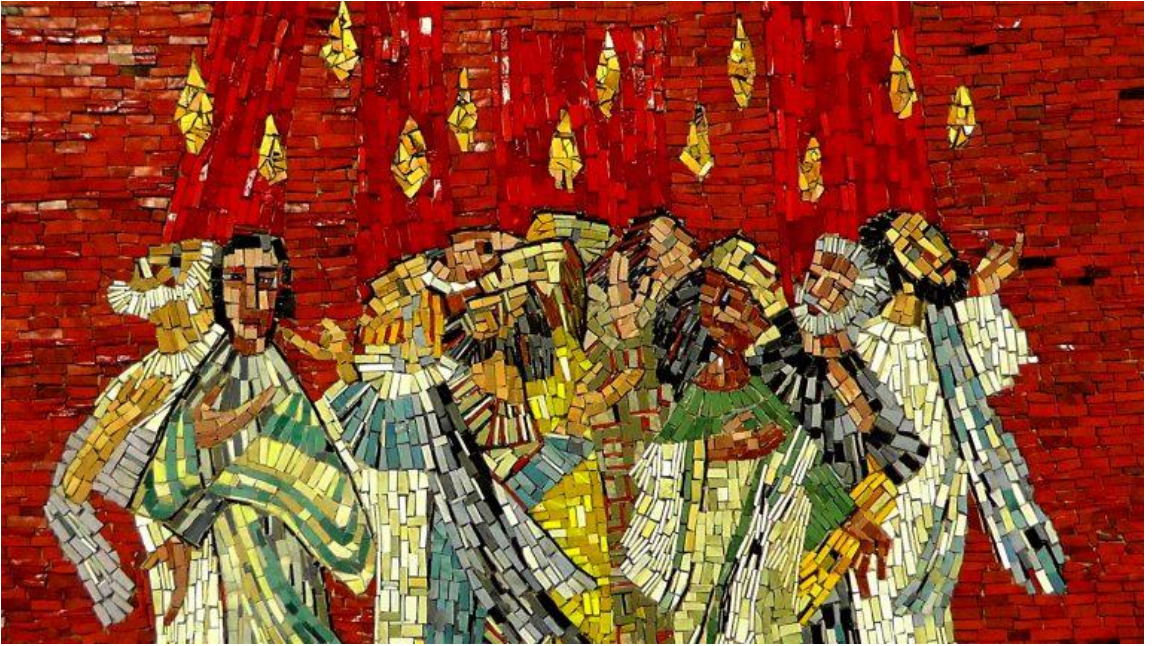


THE DAY OF PENTECOST



SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024
10:30AM

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

PRELUDE *The prelude signals a time of silence for prayer and reflection.
We stand.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

Hail thee, festival day!



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;



day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the world with his grace.



1 Bright and in like-ness of fire, on those who a - wait his ap - pear - ing,
 3 God the Al-might-y, the Lord, the rul - er of earth and the heav - ens
 5 Spir - it of life and of pow'r now flow in us, fount of our be - ing,



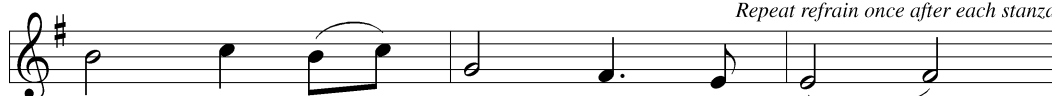
he whom the Lord had fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:
 guard us from harm with - out; cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light that en - light - ens us all, life that in all may a - bide:



2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
 4 Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our
 6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and



glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en her gates un - bars,
 minds, great re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 Au - thor of con - cord, pour out your balm on our



fling - ing her in - crease of light:
 preme, on - ly be - got - ten of God:
 days; or - der our ways in your peace:

Repeat refrain once after each stanza

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus, Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

GLORIA

[Organ] *ff*
Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

f
high - est. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we_ praise you for your glo - ry.

ff
f Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

mf
Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

You are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our

prayer. *f* Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

high-est. *f* high-est. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the

Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,

with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

ff Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high-est.
Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high-est.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit.

WORD

READING

ACTS 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

WHEN the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and

smoky mist.²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹'Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1-2: *French (Connie Feydy)*

3-4: *Danish (Inger Ruffels)*

5-7: *Finnish (Isaac Ylitalo)*

8-13: *Spanish (Leslie Arvelo)*

14-16: *Shona (Cynthia Shumba)*

17: *Norwegian (Kaete Weinseiss)*

18-19: *Ndebele (Cynthia Shumba)*

20-21: *German (Kaete Weinseiss)*

PSALM

PSALM 104: 25-32

Sung by the choir

Chant by SARAH MACDONALD (CONTEMPORARY)

O LORD, how manifold are your works! *

in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good
things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
 he touches the mountains and they smoke.
 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
 May these words of mine please him; *
 I will rejoice in the LORD.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We stand.

SEQUENCE

SING VERSE 1.



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



word of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
 kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
 by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
 speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
 be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

GOSPEL

JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4-15

The holy gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

JESUS said: "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b} "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled

your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SEQUENCE

SING VERSE 2

We sit.

SERMON

PASTOR GRORUD

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Like the murmur of the dove's song

HYMN 403



RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these young people, one with the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Confirmands stand as their names are read.

Addison Lanni Bartlett
Michael Anthony Galano
Sofia Emmy Medeiros

Emily Nicole Brandt
Leo Thomas McCullough

I present Addison, Emily, Michael, Leo, and Sofia, who desire to affirm their baptism.

Confirmands and parents come forward and stand at the altar railing.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these young people, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

We stand.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands and congregation: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands and congregation: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands and congregation: I renounce them.

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Confirmands and congregation: In faith I turn to Christ.

I invite you now to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands and congregation: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Confirmands and congregation: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands and congregation: **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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands and congregation: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Assembly: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

The assembly sits and the Confirmands kneel, and the passage chosen for each Confirmand as their "Confirmation Bible Verse" is read, followed by the laying on of hands by parents and presiding minister.

Addison

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” – *John 6:35*

Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in Addison, the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in serving, and bring her to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Emily

“And what does the lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and walk humbly with your god?” – *Micah 6:8*

Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in Emily the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in serving, and bring her to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Michael

“I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.” – *II Timothy 4:7*

Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in Michael, the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in serving, and bring him to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Leo

“My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” – *Psalms 73:26*

Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in Leo, the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in serving, and bring him to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Sofia

“But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God’s grace.” – *Acts 20:24*

Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in Vivian, the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in serving, and bring her to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Assembly and Confirmands stand.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

We kneel or sit for the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each intercession ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We sit.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Listen, sweet dove

IVES (CONTEMPORARY)

To support the mission and ministry of St. John's, you can give online at www.stjohnelca.org or see announcements for other ways to give.

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

PUER NOBIS

**O Holy Spirit, root of life,
creator, cleanser of all things:
Anoint our wounds, awaken us
with lustrous movement of your wings.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major/D minor). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." are written below the notes. The second staff has the same key signature and melody: G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." are written below the notes. Both staves have a double bar line at the end.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

[Organ] *mf* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *f* Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

mf Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *f* Ho -

- san - na, *f* Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all glory and honor, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Fa - ther who art in__ hea - ven, Ha - llow'd be thy Name;
Thy king - dom come; thy will be__ done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.
Give us this day our__ dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass - es as
we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst__ us. And lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion. but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the

king-dom, the po-wer and the glo-ry, for e-ver and e-ver.

A-men. For e-ver and e-ver. A-men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available if requested.

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD

[Organ] Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world, grant us peace.

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

ANTHEM

O for a closer walk with God

C. V. STANFORD

We stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *God of tempest, God of whirlwind*

HYMN 400

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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St. Thomas Mass, Thorne

Lord's Prayer, Traditional Afrikaan's, arr. Marnus Lively-Greyling

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Mark A. Grorud
Organist	Cantor Nathan K. Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	Vincent Bell
Reader	Connie Feydy
Communion Assistant	Lois Coffin, Michele Effren
Acolytes	Gino D'Orta, Charlotte Dianis, Liz Ylitalo
Usher	Eric Lane
Altar Committee	Janet Segerdell
Counters	Lois Coffin, Gary Esposito, Pat Fisher
Little Free Pantry	Gary Olson
Coffee Hour	Leslie Arvelo, Michele Effren

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 21

Choristers -5:15 pm Choir Room

Sneak Peak - 7:00 pm via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88521189521>

Passcode: 355925

Wednesday, May 22

Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm Choir Room

Sunday, May 26

Summer Worship Begins - 9:30 am

Fellowship Hour - 10:30 am Welcome Room

Looking Ahead . . .

May 19	Last Day of 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday
May 26	9:30 am Summer Worship Schedule
June 2	5:00 pm Third Annual Pride Evensong
June 30	Mass on the Grass Outdoor Worship
July 28	Mass on the Grass & Blessing of the Animals
August 3-12	St. John's Choir in Residence at St. Patrick's Cathedral - Dublin
August 25	Mass on the Grass & Blessing of Backpacks
September 8	Rally Sunday (worship at 8:30 and 10:30 am)

New worship assistant and acolyte robes

The Worship and Music Committee has ordered new robes for our acolytes and worship assistants to replace the current white robes, which are twenty years old. The new robes are here and match the same color as the current blue choir robes, making them interchangeable for different sizes and will also be fitted with a white scapular that is worn over the robe.

If you would like to help, each robe is \$235, totaling \$3,000. Gifts of any size can be made to the church, marked “robes” in the memo.

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Third Annual Pride Evensong

Sunday, June 2, 2024 | 5pm

*Celebrating our 31st anniversary
As a Reconciling in Christ congregation!*

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All are welcome. We share Christ's love, grow in faith and serve others.*