

RIC Sunday: A Service of Holy Communion

Leader's Guide

GATHERING

***Weekly Announcements**

(begin at 10:10 a)

***Prelude**

(begins at 10:15a)

Confession & Forgiveness***

P. In the name of the Creator
And of the Redeemer
And the Sustainer,

Amen.

P. On this Sunday in which we commemorate our pledge and commitment to being a Welcoming, Affirming, and Celebrating congregation of LGBTQIA people, we acknowledge that we still fall short, and that we, as the church, still cause harm. Let us offer our confession to God and recommit ourselves to reconciliation. Let us pray.

Pause.

P. Creator God, on this Sunday in which we commemorate our conviction to reconciliation, we confess how as a church, we still have a long way to go. We confess the complicity of the church in the oppression and subjugation of your diverse creation – of LGBTQ people, of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color, of disabled people, of those the church has said are not worthy, capable, or eligible to come with their whole selves.

God, even as we ask forgiveness of you, give us courage of conviction to seek out forgiveness of those we have wronged. May we, the church, be mindful that you call us to be reconciled to those whom we have wronged before coming to offer our own gifts to you.

In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn – *All Are Welcome*

VIDEO

Greeting

Pastor Dustin Wright

Welcome

P. The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading – Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18

VIDEO

L. Lord, you have searched me out;
O Lord, you have known me.
You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were
written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.
How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Musical Meditation

VIDEO music with overlay video

Gospel Reading - John 1:43-51

VIDEO

P. The Gospel according to Saint John.

A. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P. This, my siblings in Christ, is the Gospel of our Lord.

A. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck

Hymn of the Day – *Jesus Loves Me*

VIDEO

Prayers of Intercession

P. We ask that you lift up your prayers in the comments section of Facebook Live (or in your hearts) at this time.

P. Hear us, O God

A. Your mercy is great.

Intro to Response to God's Call: Micah 6:8

P. As we have lifted up prayers for our community and world, we are reminded that we are called to go and bring the witness of God's love to the world. Will you join us in our sung response as we consider the words of the prophet Micah - what does the Lord require of you?

Response to God's Call: Micah 6:8

Peace

P. And may the peace of Christ be with you always.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

MEAL

Contact Us and Offering***

TWO SLIDES

P. We know that some are joining us here at Messiah for the first time. If you'd like to learn more about our ministries and activities, or for any one with questions about Messiah, please contact us by email or by phone. At this time, if you'd like to make an online gift using tithe.ly or via mail to Messiah, feel free to do so.

Offering interlude music and slide

VIDEO

Offering Prayer

P. O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

VIDEO

Lord's Prayer

P. God remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

VIDEO

Eucharistic Prayer

P. 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.

Invitation to Communion

P. Even when we cannot be physically together, we are one in Christ Jesus united around a common table. Indeed, at this table, Jesus gathers us all together: the humble and the proud, the joyful and the grieving, the pious and the profane, those of strong faith and those who only long for faith, to everyone, without exception. Come siblings in faith, and join in Spirit filled community!

Distribution of the Sacrament

VIDEO

At this time, all may share Holy Communion amongst their families.

Post Communion Blessing

P. The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious blood strengthen you, and keep you in God's Grace. Amen.

A. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

P. Christ Jesus,
at this table we have feasted on your very life
and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet
nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news
and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

Blessing

VIDEO

Sending Hymn – *For Everyone Born*

VIDEO

Benediction

P. Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

A. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

VIDEO