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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 1, 2021

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

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! For the safety of our community, we ask that you sign in. Our worship service is broadcast live on Zoom and Facebook. Only the presenters in our worship will be recorded. Please see an usher if you have any questions.

PRELUDE

Let us be in the spirit of worship together.

BLESSING OF AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they grow in wisdom and grace, and help them to trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

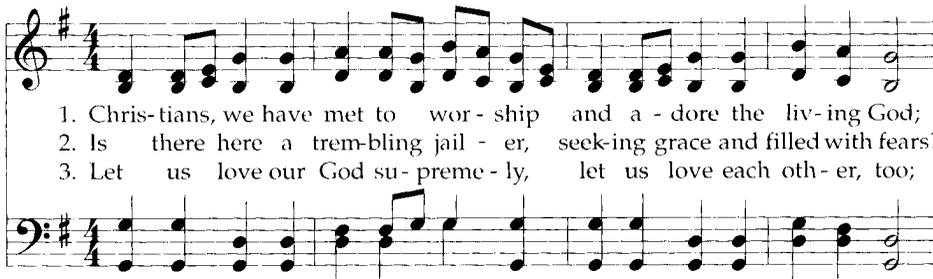
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

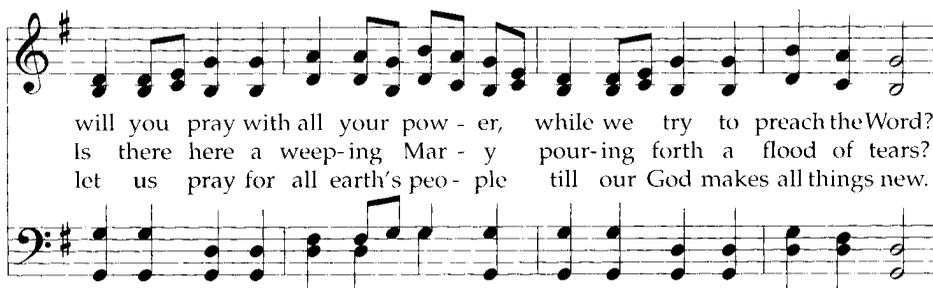
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

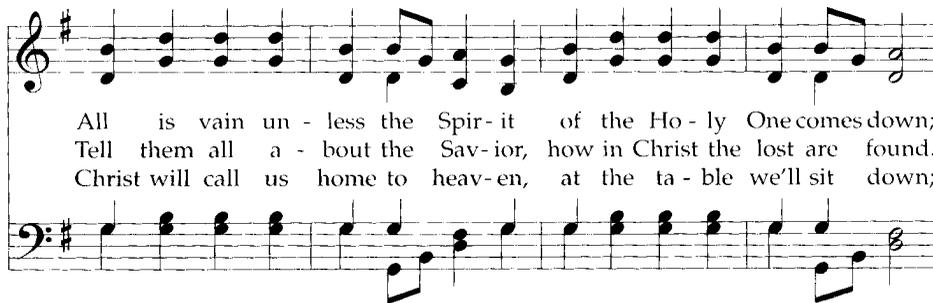
GATHERING HYMN, *Christians, We Have Met to Worship*



1. Chris-tians, we have met to wor-ship and a-dore the liv-ing God;
2. Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
3. Let us love our God su-preme-ly, let us love each oth-er, too;



will you pray with all your pow-er, while we try to preach the Word?
Is there here a weep-ing Mar-y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
let us pray for all earth's peo-ple till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un-less the Spir-it of the Ho-ly One comes down;
Tell them all a-bout the Sav-ior, how in Christ the lost are found.
Christ will call us home to heav-en, at the ta-ble we'll sit down;



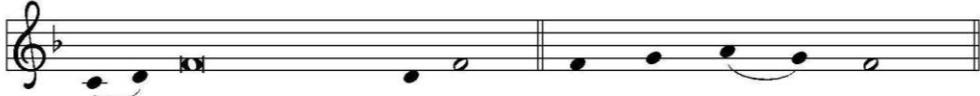
Chris-tians, pray, and ho-ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
Pray, oh pray, and ho-ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
Christ will wel-come us and serve us liv-ing man-na all a-round.

GREETING

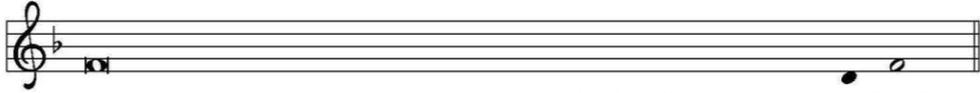
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

REFRAIN



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



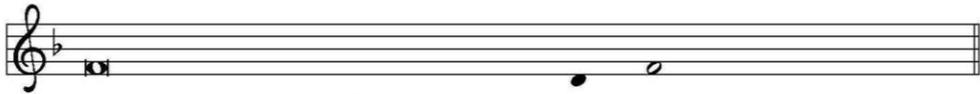
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



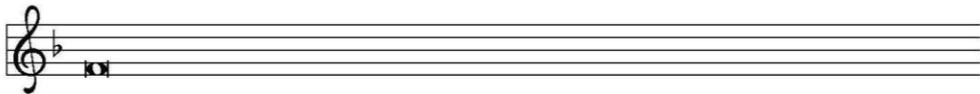
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



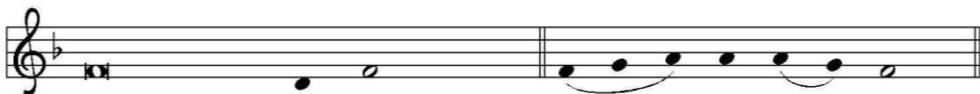
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



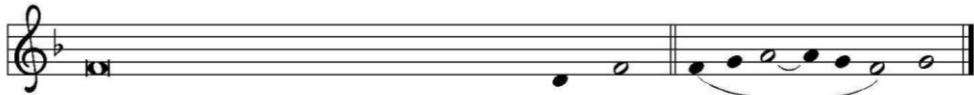
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Welcome families! The children are invited to come forward for a blessing from Pr. Elizabeth. Our nursery (ages birth to 3) is open. We offer Sunday School for all kids. In August we're doing emergency prep and growing good stewards: collecting donations of prayers, toothbrushes, bar soap, boot socks and dollars for firefighters leading up to Wildfire Recognition Day on September 12th. We're so glad you're here!

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" "

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?"

God rained down man - na from heav - en;
so mor - tals ate the bread of an - gels.

So mortals ate the ¹ bread of angels;
 God provided for them ¹ food enough.
 The LORD caused the east wind to blow ¹ in the heavens
 and powerfully led out ¹ the south wind,
 raining down flesh upon ¹ them like dust
 and flying birds like the sand ¹ of the seas,
 letting them fall in the midst ¹ of the camp
 and round a- ¹ bout the dwellings.
 So the people ate and ¹ were well filled,
 for God gave them ¹ what they craved.

God rained down man - na from heav - en;
so mor - tals ate the bread of an - gels.

Psalm 78:24-25

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SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit,

just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW #474, *Bread of Life from Heaven*

Refrain

Bread of life from heav - en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this

thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Refrain

CREED

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

**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.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken each of us to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cause the wind to blow in the heavens and rain to fall on the earth. Watch over the wilderness places. Protect and strengthen the firefighters in eastern Oregon. Help us to care for all of creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience and perseverance in working for the well-being of all. Help us to work for just distribution of resources so that all people are fed and no child is hungry. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Heal those who are hurting, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Those joining us via livestream have the option of joining a breakout room. Breakout rooms are NOT recorded or broadcast.

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous gifts to sustain the mission and ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. You may give online at www.glcportland.org/give. See the back page of this bulletin for a Venmo QR code.

OFFERTORY, ELW #182, Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



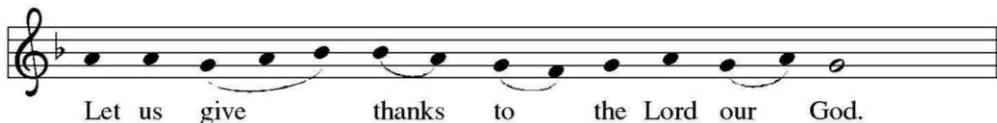
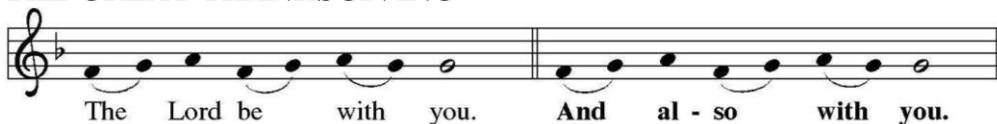


OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

All are welcome to celebrate communion! If you are joining us via livestream, you may commune from home. Any bread and wine, water or juice may be used. Please hold up bread and cup as Pastor says these words:

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 honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table! If you did not pick up a communion cup, please see an usher. Please dispose of your cup as you exit the sanctuary today.

SONG, ELW #204, Eat this Bread

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

SENDING SONG, ELW #469, *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain

Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Please leave the sanctuary quietly so those who wish to remain for the postlude may listen without interruption.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

● **Who are we? Who are our neighbors? What is God calling us to do?** These questions will guide the work of our GLC Transition Team as we prepare our Ministry Site Profile to search for our next settled pastor. The Transition Team meets this coming Thursday, August 5th, with Pr. Melissa Reed, Bishop's Associate for the Oregon Synod, to learn more about current recommendations for our region.

● Pr. Elizabeth is fully vaccinated and available for visits. Pastor's office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 1pm, and Saturday by appointment. Her direct phone is 503-465-4113.

● **Day of Service: God's Work, Our Hands, September 11th.**

● We resume two services (8:00 and 10:30AM) on September 12th. **This means we need twice as many volunteers** to serve as greeters, ushers, readers, altar guild, and more! Please contact Brandee Leibrand, Worship Chair, to sign up to volunteer.

● Traveling this summer? Feeling under the weather? Join our worship online via Facebook Livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/gethsemaneportland> or on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95638970351>. To join by phone, call (253) 215 8782 and enter Meeting ID: 956 3897 0351.

● GLC council meeting minutes are now posted online at <http://www.glcportland.org/finances>. Please call the office for the password.

HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

- **Please sign in when you arrive.** This is helpful both for church attendance records and contact tracing. There is a sign-in sheet in the Narthex.
- Multnomah County has recommended masking indoors. At this time, the COVID team is not requiring masks indoors or checking vaccination status, but acknowledges the updates to Multnomah County's recommendations for indoor mask guidelines. Please respect each other's masking decisions and be mindful of each other's space - **be sure to ask before hugging, touching, or shaking hands with one another.**
- We are using no-contact communion cups for the next few Sundays. Both wine and grape juice are available. Please dispose of your cup on the way out.
- Don't forget to drop off your offering! There is a plate and offering envelopes at the back of the sanctuary.
- Let's have grace and respect one another. Welcome home!



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