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“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”

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|Mark 6:32-44; Ephesians 3:20-21

together, the impossible is possible

Worship Leaders:

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Special Music: Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

Keyboard: Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

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Spiritual Life, Chancel and Communion Preparation

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

† HYMN

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: If you need good news,

All: settle into this space.

We have good news to share.

One: If you need a word of hope,

All: then trust us when we say,

there is hope enough to go around.

One: If you need a glimmer of joy,

All: then you're in luck!

We have resilient joy abounding.

One: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,

All: then know that this is God's house.

One: This is the good news of the gospel.

All: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move.

Let us worship our with-us God!

† For those who are able, please stand.

A TIME OF CENTERING

(During this time of centering, open your hearts to God; be in the present, here and now.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
with you the impossible is possible.
5,000 can be fed.
The blind can see.
The hopeless can find hope.
With you the impossible is possible,
but we are quick to forget that.

We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done.
We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd.
We forget that you are always with us.

Forgive our small-minded ways.
Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come.
But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With hope
for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

(Each person can take this time to surrender to God privately anything weighing heavy on their heart.)

WORDS OF GRACE

One: Family of faith,
no matter how many mistakes the disciples made,
Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved.
The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news:

**All: today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God.
We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone.
What good, good news. Amen!**

† PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Focus Scripture: Mark 6:32-44 *Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation* (p. 664). Bloomsbury Publishing. Kindle Edition.

³² So they went away in a boat to a deserted area.

³³ The people saw them leaving and many recognized them, so they ran together on foot from all the cities and got there ahead of the apostles. ³⁴ When Jesus went ashore, there was a large crowd waiting for him, and he felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things.

³⁵ By now it was getting very late, and his disciples came up to him and said, “This is a deserted place and it’s very late. ³⁶ Why not dismiss them so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat?”

³⁷ Jesus replied, “Give them something to eat yourselves.”

They answered, “You want us to spend half a year’s wages on bread for them to eat?”

³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Go look.”

When they found out they reported back, “Five, and two fish.”

³⁹ Jesus told them to have the people sit down on the grass ⁴⁰ in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Then Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. Jesus broke the loaves and handed them to the disciples to distribute among the people. He also passed out the two fish among them.

⁴² They all ate until they had their fill. ⁴³ The disciples gathered up the leftovers and filled twelve baskets of broken bread and fish. ⁴⁴ In all, five thousand families ate that day.

Ephesians 3:20-21 *Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation* (p. 757). Bloomsbury Publishing. Kindle Edition.

²⁰ To God—whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine—²¹ to God be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end! Amen.

REFLECTION

“More Than Enough!”

HYMN

“Human Minds Just Can’t Imagine”

Insert

Human Minds Just Can't Imagine

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Joseph Haydn (1797)



Hu - man minds just can't i - ma - gine all that God can bring
God, ex - pand our dreams and vi - sion when we think our gifts
Like the grains of wheat are ga - thered from the vast and roll -



to bear Through our small and sep - arate be - ings, e - ven
too small Help us trust your great pro - vis - ion and to
-ing fields Like the grapes from vi - ny bran - ches whose small



when we join to share Still we fol - low where Christ leads us,
an - swer when you call You who gave us time and ta - lents
fruit the wine will yield We re - mem - ber as one bo - dy,



ma - ny pie - ces of one whole That we might al - low
will up - hold and see us through As we join to - geth -
each of us a cru - cial part In the glo - bal church



our dream - ing to trans - form our bro - ken world
-er in the work you've gi - ven us to do
pro - fess - ing: we be - long to God's own heart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

DOXOLOGY: *(as collection plates come forward)*

Tune #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

One Into a world desperate for signs of hope,

All: let these gifts arrive as beacons.

One: Into communities working for signs of freedom,

All: let these gifts unlock shackles.

One: Into hearts searching for signs of compassion,

All: let these gifts offer tenderness.

One: Into each breath yearning for signs of new life,

All: let these gifts come as possibility. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

It sounds like welcome and feels like home.

It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.

**It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.**

I have seen it alive in the world.

**And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage,
even when mercy feels out of reach,**

**I remember the one who welcomed the children
and led with nonviolence.**

**I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable
and inspired those around him.**

I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

† HYMN

“Bless Be the Tie That Binds”

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PARTING WORDS

POSTLUDE

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