# WELCOME BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

Prelude: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus "

The Rev. David Murchie, pianist Pastor Charley Blom

#### Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome to this place in which God will ease your burdens and celebrate your joys with you.

## All: We have come to find hope and peace in our lives. Leader: Here, may the weary find rest and the strong be

renewed. May the old find refuge through consolation and the young be inspired by your words.

All: Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Opening Song "How Great Thou Art"	#467

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Daniel Triller

With weepers we weep. With the warriors, we yearn for peace. With the exiles, we wander far from home, for our hearts wander far from you. We live in an uncertain world, time and again we turn to people who promise us security. But God, you are our only source of safety. Help us to turn to you, our heart's true home. Call us again and lead us home. Author of peace, teach us to seek our Peace in you. Source of every blessing, forgive us for the multitudes of our transgressions. Rekindle a spirit of love and self-discipline within us, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Churches' Good News

**Caroline Fleming** 

Gail Beckham

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jeremiah 29 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16, 12: 1-2 Like 18: 15-17

SERMON: "Faith"

The Rev. Jamie Schmeling

SONG "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" #2171 STF Offering for the Montana Food Bank OFFERTORY "How Rich I Am" The Rev. David Murchie, pianist

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Melissa Bell

#### UNISON PRAYER

Generous God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it means to love. You call us to follow your example - to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Use these gifts so that we might share your love with a world in need. Amen

#### DOXOLOGY

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Charley Blom

SONG "In Christ Alone"

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BENEDICTION CLOSING SONG "May the Lord Bless You"

Postlude: "Revival Medley" The Rev. David Murchie, pianist



Yellowstone Presbytery Worship Service November 4, 2022 7:00 PM

# COMMUNION

#2164 STF

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Lord, prepare us to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, we'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, . . . This is where we receive the blessing of God through Jesus Christ. L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

HYMN "Sanctuary "

L: Let us lift our spirits and hearts on high

P: Where Jesus Christ is in the glory of His Father

L: Whence we look for His return in majesty.

P: To take us to be with him forever.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P:** For it is holy and right to do so! L: It is truly right and our greatest . . . to proclaim the glory of your name.

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosana in the Highest!

You are holy, O God of majesty, . . . According to His commandment:

We remember His death, we proclaim His resurrection, we await His coming in glory.

Gracious God pour out . . . we are bold to pray: OUR FATHER. . .

# THE INVITATION THE INSTITUTION: THE COMMUNION

For your reflection during Communion: As you eat the bread remember and believe that the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

As you drink the cup remember and believe that 1 | P a g e the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING L: Congregation in Christ, since the Lord has fed us at His table, let us praise His Holy Name with thanksgiving:

Hymn: "Bless His Holy Name" #2015 STF

Miroslav Volf, in his book <u>Exclusion &</u> <u>Embrace.</u> writes about the Eucharist.

"The Eucharist is the ritual time in which we celebrate this divine "making-space-for-us-andinviting-us-in." Eating the bread and drinking the wine. we remember the body broken "for us" who are God's enemies. and the blood spilled to establish a "new covenant" with us with broken the covenant (ICorinthians 11:24,25). We would most profoundly misunderstand the Eucharist. however. if we thought of it only as the sacrament of God's embrace of which we are simply fortunate beneficiaries. Inscribed on the very heart of God's grace is the rule that we can be its recipients only if we do not resist being made into its agents; what happens to us must be done by us. Having been embraced by God. we must make space for others in ourselves and invite them in -- even our enemies. This is what we enact as we celebrate the Eucharist. In receiving Christ's broken body and spilled blood. we. in a sense. receive all those whom Christ received by suffering."