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Prelude and Entrance of the Light

Chris Greninger

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll

Opening Song “Celebrate the Lord of Love” *Chalice Praise* #32

Trade your heavy heart for a heart of joy; celebrate what God has done.

Join the song of praise as we gather here; celebrate the Lord of Love.

Jesus is our Lord; he is reigning here. We declare, “His kingdom’s come.”

Darkness has to flee in his holy light; celebrate the Lord of Love.

All creation sings; hear the ocean roar.

Let the earth proclaim that Christ is Lord.

Trade your heavy heart for a heart of joy; celebrate what God has done.

Join the song of praise as we gather here; celebrate the Lord of Love.

Jesus is our Lord; he is reigning here. We declare, “His kingdom’s come.”

Darkness has to flee in his holy light; celebrate the Lord of Love.

Celebrate the Lord of Love. Celebrate the Lord of Love.

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Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer (using debts/debtors)

Rev. Wilson

(Please maintain social distancing while coming forward to light candles at either side of the sanctuary.)

Scripture Reading

Genesis 21:2-7 (NRSV)

Amanda Hall

Sermon

“Pillars of Joy #3: Humor” #

Rev. Carroll

Song of Preparation “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” *Chalice Hymnal* #422

Let us talents and tongues employ. Reaching out with a shout of joy;

bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loves abound!

Christ is able to make us one. At the table he sets the tone,

teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loves abound!

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Communion Meditation and Prayer

Mike Fitterling

Words of Institution

Rev. Carroll

Participation

(Please come forward as dismissed to partake at one of two stations before returning to your pew by the center aisle. Notify the diaconate if you need to be served while seated.)

Offertory Prayer*

Mike Fitterling

Mission Challenge

Rev. Wilson

Announcements

Rev. Carroll

Closing Song and Recession of the Light “Take My Gifts” *Chalice Hymnal* #381

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
spiced with humor, laced with laughter—flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer—gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

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Benediction

Rev. Carroll

Postlude

Chris Greninger

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