Welcome to all who are worshiping with us!

Prelude
Gathering Tones
Welcome
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Call to Worship

In the laughter of children, we hear the voice of Jesus, the Gate of the Way, and find our way home.

In the lap of a parent, God's compassion cradles us in the still waters of love. The Shepherd of our lives leads us through that door into life with him forever.

We are baptized with living waters which refresh us, restoring us to follow Jesus all our days.

The Holy Spirit, Keeper of truth, is the Light which guides us through every shadowed moment.

The Breath of life stills our worries and fears, as we are led to that peaceful place of God's heart.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Congregational Response

Shepherd lead, lead me in thy righteousness
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou Lord, thou Lord only
who makes me to dwell in safety.

A Reading from the Scriptures

John 10:1-11, The Message, Eugene Peterson

Jesus said, “Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know he’s up to no good—a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice. They won’t follow a stranger’s voice but will scatter because they aren’t used to the sound of it.”
Jesus told this simple story, but they had no idea what he was talking about. So he tried again. “I’ll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep. All those others are up to no good—sheep stealers, every one of them. But the sheep didn’t listen to them. I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for—will freely go in and out, and find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd puts the sheep before himself, sacrifices himself if necessary.”

A READING FROM TRADITION
Catherine of Siena
1347-1380

from The Prayers of Catherine of Siena, Suzanne Noffke, OP translator and editor

Because of sin
you would not enter into your glory in the way your truth had intended.
Your garden was locked up, and so we could not receive your fruits.
This is why you made the Word, your only-begotten Son, a gatekeeper.

... 
O gentle gatekeeper! O humble Lamb!
You are the gardener,
And once you have opened the gate of the heavenly garden,
paradise,
you offer us the flowers and the fruits of the eternal Godhead.

HYMN
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

CALL TO RECONCILIATION
Day by day, God would lead us to the places of hope and healing, while moment by moment, we continue to follow sin down all the wrong paths. Let us confess our lives, as we draw near to the One who would restore us to wholeness. Join me as we pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS
Holy God, Gate of our lives, you know how easy it is to follow the wrong paths. We can make the foolish choice to listen to foolish rhetoric, and not to the wisest among us. We continue to make the mistake that we no longer need to be cautious, thus making life chancy for all around us. We would rather stir the waters of trouble than to stay at home, safe and content. And while we have no
trouble locking the doors of our hearts, we increasingly grow weary of all this social distancing stuff.

Forgive us, our Goodness and Mercy. May our hearts overflow with hope for others, so others might be anointed with healing oil of grace. May we share from our abundance of caution with all who hunger for hope. May we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to the places of service and life with you forever, even if only from the interiors of our homes.

*Silence is kept*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Our Comforter leads us to that place where God's Table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace. Here, we are called to life and love.

**We will live as God's people: forgiven to serve, blessed to share, loved so we might care. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of God be with you, **And also with you.**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

Acts 2:42-47 MSG

After the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost, Peter was preaching to the crowd...

That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met.

They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

**REFLECTION**

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σῴζω (sōzō)  
  to save, rescue; to preserve safe and unharmed, Mt. 8:25; 10:22; 24:22; 27:40, 42, 49; 1 Tim. 2:15;  
σῴζειν εἰς,  
  to bring safely to, 2 Tim. 4:18;  
  to cure, heal, restore to health, Mt. 9:21, 22; Mk. 5:23, 28, 34; 6:56;  
  to save, preserve from being lost, Mt. 16:25; Mk. 3:4:8:35;  
σῴζειν ἀπό,  
  to deliver from, set free from, Mt. 1:21; Jn. 12:27; Acts 2:40;  
  in NT to rescue from unbelief, convert, Rom. 11:14; 1 Cor. 1:21; 7:16;  
  to bring within the pale of saving privilege, Tit. 3:5; 1 Pet. 3:21;  
  to save from final ruin, 1 Tim. 1:15;  
  to be brought within the pale of saving privilege, Acts 2:47; Eph. 2:5, 8;  
  to be in the way of salvation, 1 Cor. 15:2; 2 Cor. 2:15

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE         Goodness is Stronger than Evil  
Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate.  
Light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us.  
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MOMENT OF STEWARDSHIP AND THANKSGIVING
  
For what are you thankful today? Where and how can you give back to God?

If you wish to contribute to the ongoing work of McKinley, you can either send us a check through street mail, use your bank’s bill pay option, or you can use the PayPal link on the McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church website.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below. O praise God! Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!  
O praise God! Alleluia! O praise God! Alleluia! Allelu—ia!
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MUSICAL INVITATION
Come My Way, My Truth, My Life
Stephen Larson, Baritone
Text: George Herbert; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

At this time you are invited to prepare your communion elements – bread and cup.

Jesus used bread and wine because that was most common on his dinner table. You may use whatever is common for you.

INVITATION
For Holy Communion this morning, we sanctify our time and many tables for a sacrament is never confined to sanctuaries or precious surfaces — but always follows God’s children into the world.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
May God be with you!
And also with you!

God calls us to open our hearts to others, for they are filled to overflowing with grace.
Every day, let us rejoice in the Restorer of our lives.
We sing glad songs to the One who leads us.

You watched over creation, God of patience, as it emerged out of nothingness:
meadows where sheep could rest,
still pools of water teeming with tadpoles,
paths worn smooth by mountain goats.
You shaped us in your divine likeness, anointing us with Spirit’s breath of life,
so we could wander the garden by your side.

But that thief, fear, and that bandit, despair,
climbed into Eden by another way, and we followed these strangers' voices.
Day by day, you sent prophets to us, who challenged us to lead God-centered lives,
but we devoted ourselves to that life which is empty and bitter.

So then you sent Jesus, shaped in human likeness, to us,
so we would know you are with us.

With those who walk your paths, with those who long to find their way, we offer glad and generous hearts to you:
Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed in the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

You lead us to this Table where we want for nothing,
   for your Spirit transforms everyday foods into a sacred feast.
Your bread and cup comfort us,
   nourishing us so we might be together in everything
   with our sisters and brothers.
The broken bread strengthens us
   to provide clean, still waters to all;
   to build shelter for those who sleep rough;
   to feed those who are hungry.
Your grace overflows into us so we may offer
   companionship to those who wander shadowed valleys;
   an open gate to those longing for a community;
   voices of compassion and hope to the oppressed.

When we follow goodness and mercy to the end of time,
   we will find you coming out of the kitchen,
setting dish upon dish of peace and hope
on that great table prepared for all your children,
and we will join our hearts and hands as we sing praise and wonder to you,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE MEAL
   Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.
   We are one in Christ in the bread we share.
   You are invited to eat your bread.

   Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.
   We are one in Christ in the cup we share.
   You are invited to drink from your cup.
PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

This Little Light of Mine

POSTLUDE

Assisting in Today’s Service

Liturgists..........................Margo Chaney, Kathie Spegal, and the Griffiths – Stuber – Smith family
Pastor.................................Rev. Heidi Weatherford
Associate Pastor.....................Rev. Keith Harris
Director of Christian Education.........Sara McHenry
Music Director/Organist...............Dr. Yohei Endo
Worship Tech..........................Lara Hebert
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McKinley Presbyterian Church is a community of faith
Offering genuine welcome,
Working for reconciliation, and
Daring to speak words of hope to a world in pain.

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Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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