

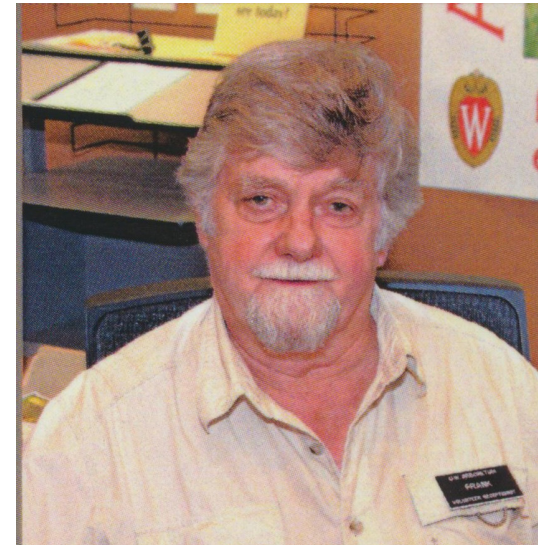
A favorite quote from Frank:

Always on Christmas night there was music. An uncle played the fiddle, a cousin sang “Cherry Ripe”, and another uncle sang “Drake’s Drum”. It was very warm in the little house. Auntie Hannah, who had got on to the parsnip wine, sang a song about Bleeding Hearts and Death, and then another in which she said her heart was like a Bird’s Nest; and then everybody laughed again; and then I went to bed. Looking through my bedroom window, out into the moonlight and the unending smoke-colored snow, I could see the lights in the windows of all the other houses on our hill and hear the music rising from them up the long, steadily falling night. I turned the gas down, I got into bed. I said some words to the close and holy darkness, and then I slept.

From: *A Child’s Christmas in Wales*, by Dylan Thomas

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*In this scene a schoolmaster, who has given shelter to the homeless Little Nell, tries to comfort her as she sits in a run-down village graveyard grieving for those lying in untended graves who she fears have been forgotten.*

‘And do you think,’ said the schoolmaster, marking the glance she had thrown around, ‘that an unvisited grave, a withered tree, a faded flower or two, are tokens of forgetfulness or cold neglect? Do you think there are no deeds, far away from here, in which these dead may be best remembered? Nell, Nell, there may be people busy in the world, at this instant in whose good actions and good thoughts these very graves—neglected as they look to us—are the chief instruments.’

‘There is nothing,’ cried her friend, ‘no, nothing innocent or good, that dies, and is forgotten. Let us hold to that faith, or none. An infant, a prattling child, dying in its cradle, will live again in the better thoughts of those who loved it, and will play its part, through them, in the redeeming actions of the world, though its body be burnt to ashes or drowned in the deepest sea. There is not an angel added to the Host of Heaven but does its blessed work on earth in those that loved it here. Forgotten! Oh, if the good deeds of human creatures could be traced to their source, how beautiful would even death appear; for how much charity, mercy, and purified affection, would be seen to have their growth in dusty graves!’

From: *The Old Curiosity Shop*, by Charles Dickens

## Final Commendation

### Invitation to Prayer

### A Celtic Prayer

Deep peace of running waves to you.  
 Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
 Deep peace of the Son of peace to you.

Iona Abbey

### Blessing

### Closing Hymn

### Always We Begin Again



1. Al - ways we be - gin a - gain, where we are and been be - fore.  
 2. Al - ways we be - gin a - gain, reach - ing out to those in pain,  
 3. Al - ways we be - gin a - gain, grow - ing ev - 'ry day more strong.



If we stum - ble and if we fall, we rise each day to soar.  
 show - ing grace and for - giv - ing those, who've hurt us time a - gain.  
 grate - ful for this com - mu - ni - ty, who with us walk a - long.



Al - ways we be - gin a - gain, liv - ing ful - ly in our time.  
 Al - ways we be - gin a - gain, with the Spir - it as our guide,  
 Al - ways we be - gin a - gain, grate - ful for the seeds we sow,



Lis - ten - ing with our heart's own ear, hear - ing God's own rhyme.  
 bal - anc - ing in our work and prayer, hum - bly with - out pride.  
 wit - ness - ing God's own work at hand, blos - som - ing and grow.

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*All are invited to join the family for cookies and a beverage  
 in the Dining Room following the service.*

## Prelude

In Every Age, Psalm 90

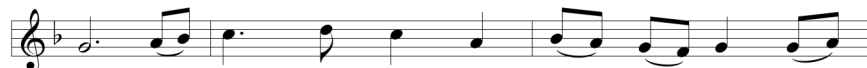
Sunday Assembly Choir,  
 Lynn Lemberger, Director

### Gathering Hymn

### All Are Welcome



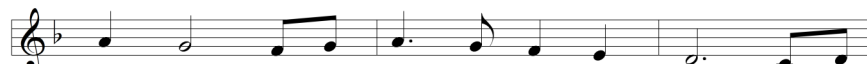
1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safe - ly  
 2. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be - yond the wood and  
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In wa - ter, wine and



live, A place where saints and chil - dren tell How  
 stone To heal and strength - en, serve and teach, And  
 wheat: A ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, Where



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through



vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the  
 stran - ger Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us  
 Je - sus, Is re - vealed in time and space; As we



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: All are wel - come,  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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### Greeting

Steve Zwettler, Chaplain

### Opening Prayer

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

Romans 12:9-13

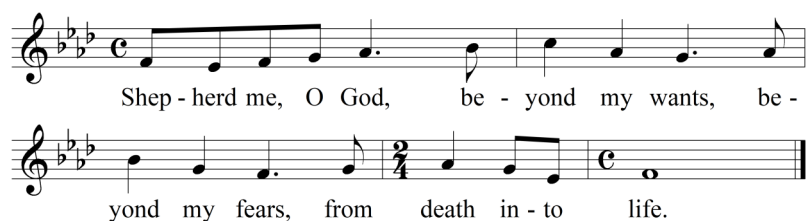
Sandy Adams, Lector

Following the reading:

Reader The Word of Salvation  
 All Thanks be to God

## Psalm 23

Shepherd Me, O God  
Ann Baltes, Cantor



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An Excerpt from, *The Old Curiosity Shop*, by Charles Dickens  
Abbie Loomis

## Gospel Acclamation



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## Gospel

John 15:9-12

*Before the Gospel*

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All **Glory to you, O Christ**

*Following the Gospel,*

Reader The holy Gospel

All **Praise to you, O Jesus Christ**

## Homily

**General Intercessions** *Response:* Loving God, hear our prayer.

## Sign of Peace

## Presentation of the Gifts

Abbie Loomis, Alison & David McKee

Presider The bread which we break,  
is it not communion in the body of Christ?  
The cup of blessing which we share,  
is it not communion in the blood of Christ?

All **So all of us are one body,  
all who share the one bread and drink from the cup.**

## Communion Rite

Jane Ahlstrom, Aggie Steichen, Communion Ministers

*Our Communion bread is gluten-free. All are welcome to receive Communion.  
The presider will offer the cup of wine for those who wish to receive.*

## Communion Hymn

O Christ, Surround Me



1. God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2. Bind to my-self the Name of Ho-ly, great cloud of wit-ness-  
3. Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash-ing of light-ning,  
4. Walk-ing be-hind to hem my jour-ney, go-ing a-head to  
5. Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up-hold me.  
es en-fold; proph-ets, a-pos-tles, an-gels wit-ness.  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan-et:  
light my way, and from be-neath, a-bove and all ways,  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



1. - 5. O Christ, sur-round me, O Christ, sur-round me.

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*A time of silent reflection follows our sharing of Communion.*

## Prayer after Communion

### All join in singing the Doxology and Amen:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for-ev-er, A - - - men.

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### The Prayer of Jesus

**Holy One, our only Home, blessed be your name.  
May your day dawn, your will be done, here, as in heaven.  
Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other.  
Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil.  
For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

Refrain:

As the bread of life is bro - ken, the cup of love out - poured,  
We are one in Christ, our Sav - ior, and sent to serve our God.

Verse:

In the bread of life here giv - en, we be - come what we re - ceive.  
In the cup of love here of - fered, af - firm what we be - lieve.

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### Hymn

### Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred,  
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in  
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-

1. let me bring your love. Where there is in - ju -  
2. life, let me bring hope. Where there is dark-ness -  
4. ing that we are par-doned, In giv - ing of our -

1, Final 1st time: to Verse 2 (Fine) 2 to Verse 3

1. faith in you. 2. joy.  
2. ev - er  
4. born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3

3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con -

3. soled, as to con-sole, To be un-der-stood, as to un-der-

3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul. to Verse 4

Dedicated to Mrs. Francis Tracy. Text: Based on the prayer traditionally ascr. to St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226.  
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## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Eucharistic Prayer V for Ordinary Time

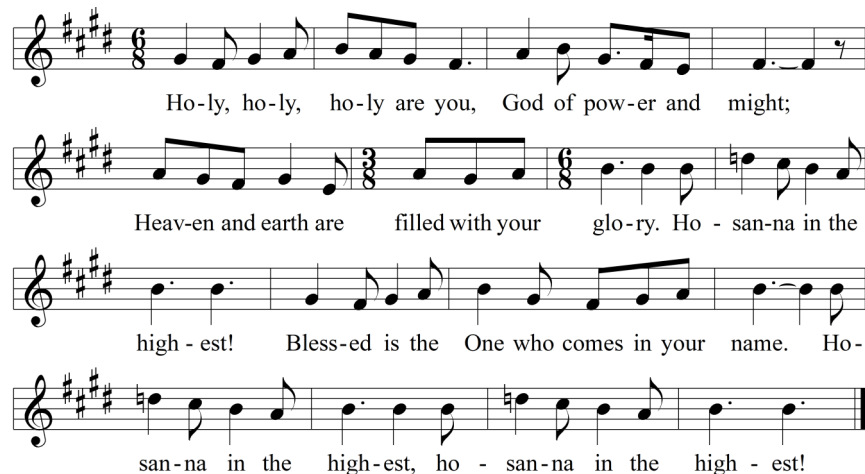
*All join in proclaiming the Eucharist Prayer. The Assembly parts are in **bold**.*

Presider May the Holy One be with you.  
**All And also with you.**  
 Presider Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them up to our God.**  
 Presider Let us give thanks to the God of all.  
**All It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of amazing surprises.  
 Creator of tiny insects and awesome planets.  
 Designer of Earth's wonders.  
 Giver of life and laughter.

**We praise your passionate love hidden,  
 yet revealed, everywhere in the cosmos.  
 We thank you that from the beginning,  
 you called us into partnership with all creation  
 in the holy dance that is all of life  
 in your Divine Presence.**

May our voices join with all creation to praise you  
 with unending joy:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly are you, God of pow-er and might;  
 Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the  
 high - est! Bless-ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high - est!

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We praise you, O God, who calls us to deep intimacy  
 in this Eucharistic celebration.

**Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts +  
 as we offer thanks for the bread and the cup  
 that will heal our hearts and transform our lives.**

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks.  
 He broke the bread and passed it to his friends saying:  
 Take this all of you and eat. This is my body given for you.

At the end of the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine.  
 Again he gave you thanks and praise, and shared the cup with his  
 friends saying:  
 Take this all of you and drink.  
 This is the cup of my blood poured out for people everywhere  
 for the reconciliation of all.  
 This is a new and everlasting covenant.  
 Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

God of all hope, help us to live as a new body,  
 brought to birth by the Spirit of the Risen One  
 in acts of forgiveness, healing and justice.

**Give us strength to support all who suffer.  
 Grant us courage to work for peace in places torn by violence,  
 hatred and war.  
 Keep us dedicated to honor our partnership with  
 your holy creation,  
 that the land, water, air, plants and animals,  
 and all humanity  
 may reflect your divine beauty.**

We thank you for all those through the ages  
 who have heard your call and followed your way.  
 We lift up our loved ones who have died, and those most in need.  
 Let this meal nourish us to go into the world  
 to heal and serve one another,  
 and fulfill the vision of unity that Jesus taught.