

Kingsview United Church

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Our Mission Statement: To show God's love as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. Communion

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Prelude

*Introit: This Is the Day That God Has Made

VU# 175 (chorus)

*Words of Welcome

Life and Work of the Church

Acknowledging the Territory

*Lighting of the Christ Candle

- L: The flame of this candle represent the mystery of all that happened in the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ.
- P: It also represents the continuing assurance that God's love is with us always.
- L: May we extend this light into a world that needs light, life and love. The peace of Christ be with you.
- P: And also with you.

*Songs of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship

- L: Let us love one another.
- P: Because love is from God.
- L: No one has ever seen God, but we can make God known.
- P: Because love is from God.
- L: Jesus came, in love, to reveal God to us.
- P: Because love is from God.

L: When we love one another in truth and faith, God is known. **P: Because love is from God.**

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Loving Lord, with you all things are possible. When we work as part of the true vine we can accomplish much. May this time of worship bring us closer to you once again. Apart from you we can do nothing. Keep us close, touch our hearts, and fill us once again with your love. Amen.

Hymn:

Come, We That Love The Lord

VU# 715

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

| Acts 8:26-40 | Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch |
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| John 15:1-8 | Jesus, the true vine |

L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem: Written in Red

Message

Invitation to the Offering

*Offertory Response: As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought VU# 518 v. 3

*Prayer of Dedication

*Communion Hymn:Long before the Night (This Ancient Love)VU# 282

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving (Responsive)

L: May God be with us. **P: God is here among us.**

- L: Let us open our hearts to God.
- P: We open them to God and to one another.
- L: Let us give thanks to God.
- P: It is right to give thanks and praise.
- L: Creator of light, Giver of all life... to proclaim the glory of your name:
- P: 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. Hosanna in the highest.
- L: Let us remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

P: he shared food with followers and friends,

- L: with saints and sinners,
- P: with crowds of thousands on the hillside,
- L: and a few friends in an upper room.
- P: On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions.
- L: He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
- P: "Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."
- L: Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:
- P: "Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."
- L: Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.
- P: In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.
- L: Loving God, we rejoice ... our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:
- P: Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restored our life. Christ will come in glory.
- L: Holy God, pour your Spirit on us ... These and all our prayers we gather into the words Jesus taught us to pray together...

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

VU# 959

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.

Breaking the Bread & Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus the Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*Closing Hymn:

"Abide With Me" **tune # 436** (words by Elaine Bidgood Sveet, Gathering L/E 2021 p.23. Used with permission)

Abide with me, O Christ, the one true vine. Root me in love and train me to be kind. Guide all my actions, thoughts so I can be fruitful for you, O Christ, abide with me.

I can do nothing, Lord, apart from you. Yours is the glory, strength and wisdom, too. May I obey and faithful always be. O Christ, who changes not, abide with me.

Stay with me, God, through all this life does bring. Your nearness is a joy for all to sing. Grant me a heart that serves you all my days. Almighty God, I will abide always.

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Sung Response: Isaiah 55 - You Shall Go Out with Joy

VU pg 884

Postlude

Worship Leaders:

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