

# ST. GEORGE ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 7, 2024

## ENTRANCE

*God's people gather in love and reverence*

*"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)*

**PRELUDE** "Find Us Faithful" Ed Lyon

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** Chiming of the Hour

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Kelly Clem

Pastor: Hear what God says about those who strive to walk in the Way of Discipleship: "The righteous flourish like the lush palm tree and are strong like the cedar." (Psalm 92:12)

**People: We are like trees planted near a steady source of water with green leaves and good fruit.** (Jeremiah 17:8)

Pastor: Our fruit is love

**People: Joy!**

Pastor: Peace!

**People: Patience!**

Pastor: Kindness!

**People: Generosity!**

Pastor: Faithfulness!

**People: Gentleness!**

**All: And Self-Control! God, as we come together on this day of worship may we flourish and bear good fruit.**

## OPENING PRAYERS AND PRAISE

**CHORUS** "The Fruit of the Spirit"

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness.

The fruit of the spirit is faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

Since we live by the spirit, let us keep in step, keep in step with the spirit.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #158

## **INVITATION TO PRAYER**

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

**All:** God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will. We have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All pray in silence*

**Pastor:** Hear the good news; Christ has died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God. Amen!**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

*(at the invitation, please speak aloud any prayer concerns you wish to share)*

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Open our Eyes Lord" #2086

## THE OFFERING

*As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God*

**\*DOXOLOGY** #94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**SOLO** "One Day at a Time" Fred Genter

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*We hear God's word through scripture and are invited to respond*

**THE CHILDREN'S MINUTE** Rev. Dale Clem

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS** John 20:19-31; Hebrews 10:9-25

**SERMON** "Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness" Rev. Kelly Clem

## **THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION**

*We offer praise to God and receive the gift of Jesus Christ into our lives through Holy Communion*

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, . . . we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

**People: 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.**

Pastor: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine ... all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **BREAKING THE BREAD AND GIVING THE CUP**

*(Christ's table for Holy Communion is open to ALL who love Christ and seek to follow him. Please come forward, as directed by the ushers, and kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive Holy Communion. You are always welcome to stay as long for prayer as you desire at the altar rail. You may exit through the door on the right and return by way of the back entrance).*

### **SENDING FORTH**

*We are sent into the world to serve Christ*

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION AND RESPONSE** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #420

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Please stand as you are able**

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