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**The Second Sunday**

**in Kingdomtide**

## ***9:45 Gathering and Songs of Praise***

### ***"Your Name is Holy"***

You are the sovereign "I Am" Your name is holy  
You are the pure spotless Lamb Your name is  
holy

You are the Almighty One

Your name is holy

You are the Christ God's own Son Your name is  
holy

In Your name there is mercy for sin There is  
safety within

In Your holy name

In Your name there is strength to remain To  
stand inspite of pain

In Your holy name

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### ***"What Can I Do?"***

When I see the beauty of a sunset's glory  
Amazing artistry across the evening sky When I  
feel the mystery of a distant galaxy It awes and  
humbles me

To be loved by a God so high

What can I do but thank You

What can I do but give my life to You Hallelujah  
hallelujah

What can I do but praise You

Every day make ev'rything I do

A hallelujah a hallelujah hallelujah

When I hear the story of a God of mercy

Who shared humanity and suffered by our side

Of the cross they nailed You to

That could not hold You

Now You're making all things new

By the pow'r of Your risen life

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**“Cry of my Heart”**

It is the cry of my heart To follow You  
It is the cry of my heart To be close to You

It is the cry of my heart  
To follow all of the days of my life

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord So I can walk  
in Your truth

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord And make  
me wholly devoted to You

Open my eyes so I can see  
The wonderful things that You do Open my  
heart up more and more

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**10:00 Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**L: Like a whisper that lures us to safety,**

**P: Strong as a shout that bids us to come,**

**L: Gentle as a prayer that eases our worry,**

**P: Like a clear bell that rings out our name,**

**L: Your Word comes to us, Loving God.**

**P: It calls us, comforts us and urges us**

**to depart from evil and do good,**

**to seek peace and pursue it.**

**L: Talking God, open our hearts to hear you**

**P: And free our voices to praise you.**

**Hymn: “I Come with Joy” 617 vv. 1 to 4**

I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Lord, teach me to be generous,  
to serve you as you deserve,  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and not to look for any reward,  
save that of knowing  
that I do your holy will.**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**\*Sharing the Peace - "The Family of God"**

## *Proclamation and Response*

**The Hebrew Scriptures: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

**15** See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. **16** For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

**17** But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, **18** I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

**19** This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live **20** and that you may love the Lord your

God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him.  
For the Lord is your life, and he will give you  
many years in the land he swore to give to your  
fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**Praise Team: "I Believe in Jesus"**

I believe in Jesus  
I believe He is the Son of God  
I believe He died and rose again I believe He  
paid for us all

And I believe He's here now Standing in our  
midst  
Here with the power to heal now And the grace  
to forgive

I believe in You, Lord  
I believe You are the Son of God I believe You  
died and rose again I believe You paid for us all

And I believe You're here now Standing in our  
midst  
Here with the power to heal now  
And the grace to forgive

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**\*Glory Be to the Father**

**Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and  
turning to them he said: 26 "If anyone comes to  
me and does not hate father and mother, wife  
and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even  
their own life—such a person cannot be my  
disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their  
cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

28 "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower.  
Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to  
see if you have enough money to complete it?  
29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able  
to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule  
you, 30 saying, 'This person began to build and  
wasn't able to finish.'

31 "Or suppose a king is about to go to war  
against another king. Won't he first sit down  
and consider whether he is able with ten  
thousand men to oppose the one coming  
against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he is  
not able, he will send a delegation while the  
other is still a long way off and will ask for

terms of peace. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

**Sermon: "The Inner Light of Joy"**

**Meditative Interlude**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering - Doxology**

**Offertory Prayer**

**The Great Thanksgiving and Holy**

**Communion**

### *Sending Forth*

**Closing Hymn: "Are Ye Able" 530. vv. 1, 2, 4**

1. "Are ye able," said the Master,  
"to be crucified with me?"  
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,  
"to the death we follow thee."

Refrain:

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.  
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be  
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

2. Are ye able to remember,  
when a thief lifts up his eyes,  
that his pardoned soul is worthy  
of a place in paradise?  
(Refrain)

4. Are ye able? Still the Master  
whispers down eternity,  
and heroic spirits answer,  
now as then in Galilee.  
(Refrain)

**\*The Blessing**

**Response: "The Trees of the Field"**

**You shall go out with joy  
And be led forth with peace  
The mountains and the hills  
Will break forth before you  
There'll be shouts of joy  
And all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy**

**The United Methodist Women request**  
Standard size boxes of Kleenex tissues  
prepared for the Food Bank. Thank you!

**Thrift Store**  
Tuesdays 6 pm – 8 pm  
Thursdays 10 am – 2 PM  
Saturdays 10 am – 2 PM

**Food Bank**  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays,  
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.  
Thursdays, 10 am – 11:30 am