

Ask

August 1, 2021 | 11:15am

We Gather and Praise God

Gathering & Greeting

It Was for Freedom¹

**And we will dance, dance the dust off the floor
And we will sing til our lungs give out & we can't sing
anymore**

**And we will shout, let it out like a lion and roar
There's so much more to this life
Our freedom is, our freedom is in Christ**

Come, Now is the Time to Worship²

**Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come**

Way Maker³

**You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who you are!
(repeat)**

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

Small Talk

All children are invited to come forward to talk about today's lesson with Ms. Jodi.

Presentation of Bibles

Third and fourth graders will receive a Bible in a fun unwrapping ceremony.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-5, CEB

1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth— 2 the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over the waters— 3 God said, "Let there be light." And so light appeared. 4 God saw how good the light was. God

separated the light from the darkness. 5 God named the light Day and the darkness Night. There was evening and there was morning: the first day.

This is the Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God!

God of Wonders⁴

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy!**

**The universe declares your majesty
You are holy, holy!**

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Blessing of the Backpacks

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness⁵

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**

Christe eleison. **Christe eleison.**

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**

Incarnate God

For the times we've hurt you, forgive us.

For the times we've hurt others, forgive us.

For the times we've hurt ourselves, forgive us.

For we are made in your image

and it is very good. Amen.

Offering

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3460 Roy Richard Drive
Schertz, TX 78154

Offertory

So Will I (100 Billion X)⁶

Praise Band

If creation sings Your praises, so will I.

We Break Bread Together

The Great Thanksgiving

The pastor gives thanks for this day, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes:

For your grace and for all your mercies toward us,
we join your people on earth and all the company of
heaven in proclaiming your praise:

ALL: God of wonders³ beyond our galaxy

You are holy, holy

The universe declares your majesty

You are holy, holy

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.
The pastor concludes:*

In remembrance of all your mighty acts on our behalf,
we bring our whole selves to you, as we proclaim the
mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

Receiving the Bread and Cup

The bread and wine (grape juice) are given to the people, with these or similar words exchanged:

The body/blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)⁷

Come to Jesus,
Come to Jesus,
Come to Jesus and live.

Prayer after Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

We Go Forth

Invitation to Prayer and Partnership

Altar Rail Offerings support the Holding Institute in Laredo, TX. In partnership with the United Methodist Women, the Holding Institute responds to the needs of women, children, youth, and families: to encourage health and wellness, to empower education, to improve community, and to invite discipleship. They are currently facing financial strain, and need help to continue their immigration services, senior services, medical and COVID related assistance, and food ministries.

The Love of God

**O love of God, how rich and pure,
How measureless & strong
It shall forevermore endure the saints' and angels' song**

Dismissal with Blessing

Vacation Bible School Video

Thanks to all parents, volunteers, and children who joined us for VBS in Athens this year!

1. It Was for Freedom

Jon Egan | Mia Fieldes

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5. Prayer of Confession

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7. Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)

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