PRELUDE

The Light of the World Is Jesus
Words & Music by Philip P. Bliss
Arranged by Mark Hayes;
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WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 43

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your work and muse on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

OPENING SONG
Holy, Holy, Holy/Santo, Santo, Santo
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A TIME OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING
Luke 9: 51-62

51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ^[a] ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said. "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 And Jesus $^{[\underline{c}]}$ said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62 And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

THE MESSAGE Let if Be

CELEBRATING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and

praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Always and everywhere to give thanks to you . . . And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit ...All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING SONG Shout to the North W&S 3042

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Spiritual
Arranged by Tedd Smith
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Shout to the North
Words & Music: Martin Smith
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WELCOME TO ALL

Who hope for a better world & all who have lost hope:

Believers and seekers Conventional Christians & questioning skeptics

Women, men, youth and children

Of all sexual orientations & gender identities

Of all races and cultures,

Of all income levels

Of all social classes

Of all physical & mental abilities.

COME AS YOU ARE...

YOU ARE WELCOME!

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Service of Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, June 29, 2025

8:45 AM