**Worship Plan for Sunday, November 11, 2018**

**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP –**

We come to this time of worship ready to be refreshed by

The good news of God’s love.

We bring our frustrations and hopes,

Our failures and dreams

**We need to hear the good news of God’s love.**

We bring our broken relationships and our deepest friendships

**We need to hear the good news of God’s love.**

With all that we have and all that we are,

**We need to hear the good news of God’s love.**

Let us rejoice and worship God.

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE, NOW THE FEAST** *Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)*

**LITANY OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Gracious God, we come before you in this time of confession,

Asking for your grace.

Holy One, build up our lives,

**So that our labor will not be in vain.**

We bring to you the times we have failed to give

Our best effort in our daily living.

Holy One, build up our lives.

**So that our labor will not be in vain.**

We bring to you the times we have taken advantage of other people through our own greed and ambition.

Holy One, build up our lives.

**So that our labor will not be in vain.**

We bring to you the times we have not reached out to help

people whose needs are great.

Holy One, build up our lives.

**So that our labor will not be in vain.**

We bring to you the things that we have said or have failed to say,

that have worked against peace and justice in our families and our community.

Forgive us.

Holy One, build up our lives.

**So that our labor will not be in vain. Amen.**

Beloved of God, you have been reborn as God’s own children, and it is God’s good pleasure to grant you grace and forgiveness.

Go forward in hope and freedom.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Faithful and loving God,

Thank you for a night of rest

And for this new day.

Be with us now in our worship

As we open our hearts to you.

Through Christ, Amen.

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*The first reading is read by the lay assistant)***THE first lesson**:  Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

A reading from the book of the book of Ruth:

3Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. 2Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. 3Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. 4When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” 5She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

13So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. 14Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! 15He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” 16Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. 17The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE Second lesson**:  **Hebrews 9:24-28**

A reading from Hebrews.

24For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; 26for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, 28so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(The gospel is read by the pastor)*

**GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to St. Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

38As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, 39and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! 40They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

41He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 712, v. 1, 3, 4**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** A Story For All People (vs 4)

*(The pastor reads the introduction and the ending, the lay assistant reads indented petitions.)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

O God, preserve your church from empty piety. Stir up our will to act with mercy and compassion. Keep our bishops, pastors, teachers, and all who proclaim your good news strong in faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Provide all living things with sufficient food and clean water. Make us ever mindful of farmers and laborers who supply us with food, and open our hands to share what we have received. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Awaken our nation to care for veterans and those who are experiencing the stress and trauma of war or other military conflicts. Inspire us to promote the well-being of those who have put themselves in the service of others.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless the ministries in our community that reach out to people who are unnoticed or neglected. Give us a common vision of justice that eliminates hunger, greed, and self-righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray *especially for….*

…and others for whom we now pray, either aloud or in silence.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bind us together with the saints of every time and place until we join them around your throne.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

O God of justice and love,

we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and bring all the world to your feast.

For, in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,   
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;

“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying;

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit; in our gathering; within this meal;   
and among your people throughout the world;   
even as we pray in the words of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**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 and ever.   
Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**COMMUNION**

*(The prayer after communion is read by the lay assistant)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy and compassionate God,

in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.

May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness,

that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world,

through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer

**Amen.**

**Blessing**God calls us to give the best we have.

As we serve, let us dare to serve with all that we are.

As we love, let us dare to love with our whole being.

As we care, let our caring be genuine.

And now, may the loving God surround and sustain us in all we say and do.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song  ELW 707, vs, 1, 2, 4**

*(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Good News.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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