

Contemporary Worship

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Time after Pentecost

Lectionary 14

US Semiquincentennial

GATHERING MUSIC

May the Peoples Praise You – Zimmer/Cash/Getty/Townend

*You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.*

*May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.*

*May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise,
May praise the Name of Jesus.*

*All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own,
And from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.
May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard,
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.*

*This our holy priv'lege to declare Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe, and tongue Your church proclaim.*

*Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty.
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty.
All creation praise Your glorious Name.*

WELCOME

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

OPENING SONG *

Shout to the Lord

*A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

Verse: My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty Love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Chorus: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

"Shout to the Lord" words and music by Darlene Zschech

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HOLY GOSPEL*

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;
²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG *

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

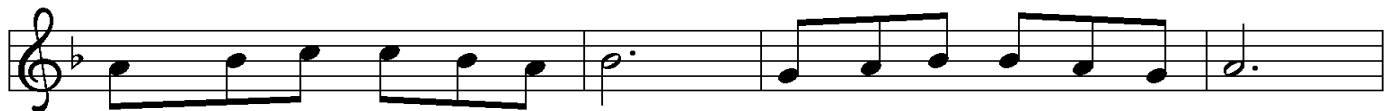
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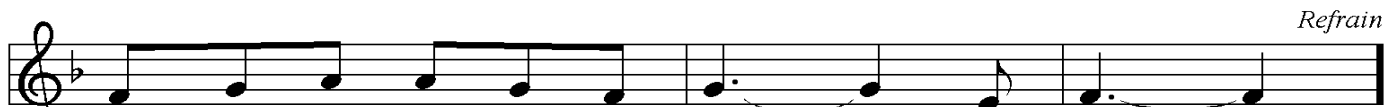
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



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| 1 | Kneels at the feet of his friends, | si - lent - ly wash - es their feet, |
| 2 | Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, | var - ied in col - or and race, |
| 3 | These are the ones we will serve, | these are the ones we will love; |
| 4 | Kneel at the feet of our friends, | si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet: |



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

Refrain

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PRAYERS *

The assembly responds to each petition ending in “God of grace,”

Assembly: hear our prayer.

The assembly responds to the final petition ending with “through Jesus Christ, our Savior.”

Assembly: Amen.

PEACE *

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Assembly: **And also with you!**

*The assembly greets each other with
"peace be with you...and also with you."*

You're invited to share God's peace with those around you.

If you're worshipping on Facebook, you may also greet one another in the comments.

OFFERING

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly – Tomlin/Ingram/Barrett

As we respond to hearing God's Word and prepare to feast at God's table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.

Offering plates are available at each entrance to the sanctuary and the QR code below can be used to give our tithes and offering.



*It all comes down to this, what you require of me:
Love my neighbor as myself, and You above all things.*

*Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God.
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God.*

*It all comes down to this, to be Your hands and feet,
Good news to all the world, the truth will set us free.*

*It's beauty for ashes, it's mourning to dancing.
It's closer and closer, the Kingdom of heaven.*

*Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown.
Faith, just like a seed, the only way it grows.*

CONFESSION *

Leader: Loving God,
we're tired.

**Assembly: We carry worries, regrets, and fears.
We've tried to do life on our own instead of trusting you.
Sometimes we've missed the chance to love our neighbors,
to listen well, to choose kindness, or to work for peace.
We confess that we've often used our freedom to serve ourselves
instead of serving others.
Thank you for never giving up on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and teach us the gentle way of Jesus.
Fill us with your Spirit so that we can share your love wherever we go.
Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS *

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.

We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.

You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.

*Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available
in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets
at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of
the cups and packaging after the service.*

"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.

Pastor: The table is prepared.
Taste and know that God is good to all.

As you are served communion:

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you
Communion Receiver: Amen.

The Gospel in a Word Is Love

Verse 1: Love, love, love, love, the gospel in a word is love,
Love your neighbor as your brother; love, love, love.

Verse 2: Peace, peace, peace, peace, the gospel in a word is peace.
Peace that passes understanding; peace, peace, peace.

Verse 3: Joy, joy, joy, joy, the gospel in a word is joy.
Joy that fills to overflowing; joy, joy, joy.

Verse 4: Christ, Christ, Christ, Christ, the gospel in a word is Christ.
Love Him, serve Him, and adore Him; Christ, Christ, Christ.

Words American Folk Hymn, Music: English Folk Melody

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
broken and poured out for us.
Pour us out into a broken world.
Channel our common life toward the common good,
following the way our Savior leads us now and forever.

Assembly: Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE

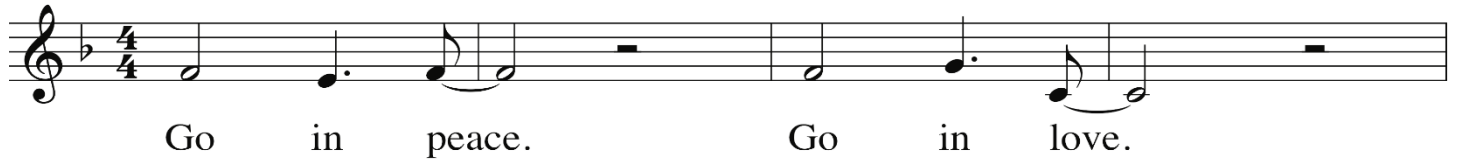
BLESSING *

Leader: The Author of life,
the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth,
✠ one God,
bless you and equip you for living and serving,
today and every day.

Assembly: Amen.

SONG *

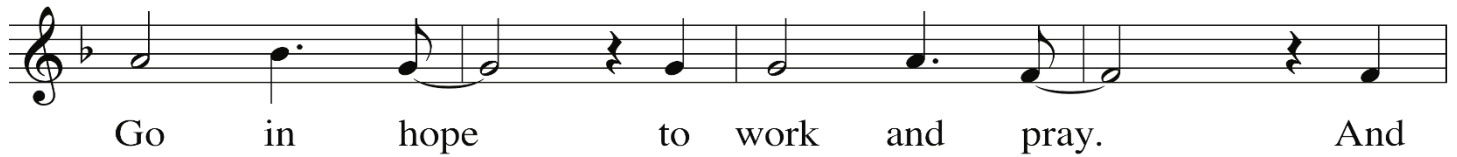
Go in Peace, Go in Love



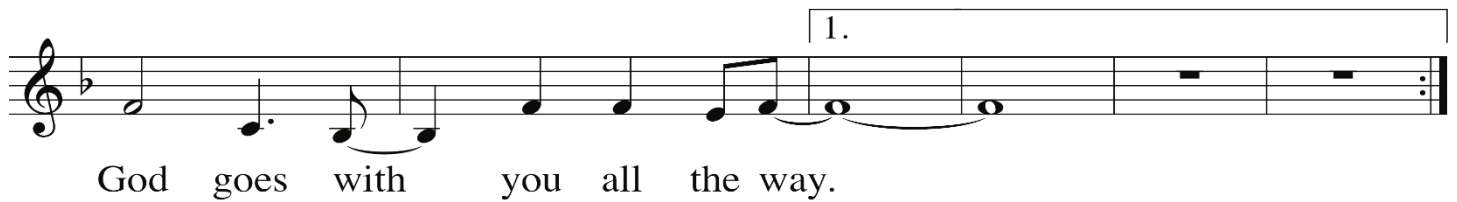
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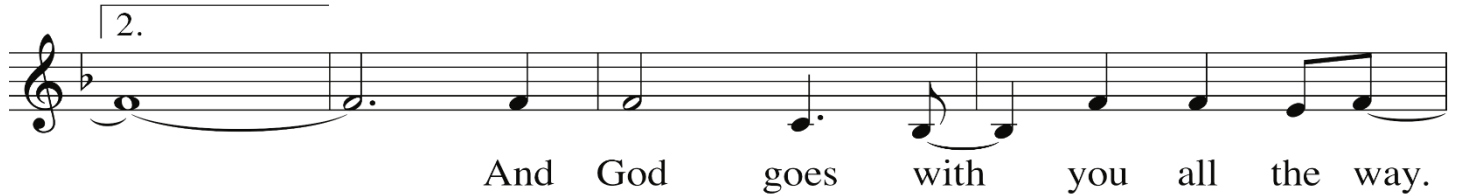
Go to seek. Go to serve.



Go in hope to work and pray. And



God goes with you all the way. 1.



And God goes with you all the way. 2.



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DISMISSAL *

Leader: Go in peace.
Seek liberty and justice for all.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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FLOWER DEDICATION:

*The altar flowers are given in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Steve and Mary Leffler
by their family.*

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