



The Feast of the Presentation

A Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, February 1, 5 pm
Sunday, February 2, 10:15 am

Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available on Sunday morning on the lower level, near the north entrance.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymnal 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.
Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, fom *Caniadau y Cyssegr*; 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

Liturgical Greeting

Priest Blessed be the One who creates all things.
People **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

Canticle

Isaiah 35:1-7, 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, *
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
It shall blossom abundantly, *
and rejoice with joy and singing.
They shall see the glory of the Lord, *
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weary hands, *
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! *
Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, *
and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.
Then shall the lame leap like a deer, *
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness *
and streams in the desert;
The burning sand shall become a pool *
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.
The ransomed of God shall return with singing, *
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
Joy and gladness shall be theirs, *
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Collect of the Day

The Creator be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Children Living the Word Commissioning

At this time, children ages 4 years old through 4th grade are invited downstairs to Children Living the Word, returning before communion.

Loving God, who told us that whoever welcomes a child welcomes Jesus himself, bless these children. Guide us as we encourage them in your ways, so that they might become disciples who are your hands and feet and voice in this world. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's creation. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Hymn

The Kingdom of God

Gather 639

v. 1-2 before the Gospel; v. 3-4 following



1. The king - dom of God is jus - tice and joy;
2. The king - dom of God is mer - cy and grace;
3. The king - dom of God is chal - lenge and choice;
4. God's king - dom is come, the gift and the goal;



For Je - sus re - stores what sin would de - stroy.
The cap - tives are freed, the sin - ners find place,
Be - lieve the good news, re - pent and re - joice!
In Je - sus be - gun, in heav - en made whole.



God's pow - er and glo - ry in Je - sus we know;
The out - cast are wel - comed God's ban - quet to share;
God's love for us sin - ners brought Christ to his cross;
The heirs of the king - dom shall an - swer his call;



And here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.
And hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.
Our cri - sis of judge - ment for gain or for loss.
And all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God all in all.

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Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM, 10 10 11 11; Charles H. H. Parry, 1848-1918

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

“We Don’t Create Ourselves”
The Rev. Eric Rucker

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not
made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom will
have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father, who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

In the beginning,

God was.

Here and now,

God is.

In the future,

God will be.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially Dorothy Wilson, David Jarvinen, Allen & Nadine Patch, Mary Perry, Emily Shea, Larry Shea, Deb Krueger, Dan Lovett, and John Wheeler.

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, especially Jean McCarthy.

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

For those in service to our country, especially Scott, Jack, Marshall, and Parker;

For those seeking ordination, especially Alex and Kate;

For Trinity Cathedral in Davenport, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Des Moines, the Standing Committee and Board of Directors, commissions, task groups, and lay leaders, and Diocesan Staff in the Diocese of Iowa;

For the clergy and all people of our companion Dioceses of Brechin, Nzara, and Eswatini;

For all victims of gun violence; and

For the victims of war and oppression and for all who seek a just peace.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life:

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Suzy, Esette, Ralph, Austin, Lillie, Cheryl, Ryan, Nancy, Shepherd, Tammy, and Randy;

For those to be married, especially Sarah & Chester, Callie & Jake, Kristina & Tanner, Amelia & Nolan, Colette & Charlie, and Katie & Ben;

For those celebrating an anniversary, especially Marsha & Gary;

For those expecting a child, especially Juliana & TD and Dana & Zach;

For those to be baptized, especially Lydia and Melody;

For our Ministry of the Month, St. Timothy's Altar Guild; and

For our 2nd Offering Partner in February, Simpson Youth Academy.

The Deacon adds a concluding collect.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed.

Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest Peace with yourself. Peace with creation. Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem

Father Most Holy

Cassler

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

The Great Thanksgiving

written by the Rev. Jen Latham

Priest God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Priest Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We should always remember to thank you, Creator God, our Root and Source of life. For you brought light and life into the world, you made the wind your messenger, and you commanded the sun. You have created the little blue stem and the blazing star, you made the monarch butterfly and the bald eagle, and you created us to live upon the earth as neighbors to all living things. You yourself lived upon the earth in the person of Christ Jesus, and by becoming one of us, you showed us the way of love. Like the roots of your prairie grasses, in Christ you are deeply dug into the earth to be our foundation and anchor.

For all this we give thanks and praise, joining together with the voices of all your saints who have lived the way of love, as we sing this hymn that proclaims your glory.

Sanctus

Hymnal S125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Creator and Source of life, we are grateful that in love you made us part of your creation, but like the branch that separates itself from the vine, we turned away from you. We have forgotten to live the way of love, as neighbors to your people and to the natural world. When the time was right, in faithful love you sent your Son, Jesus, to teach us the way back to you. Just as fire in the prairie restores new life, Jesus baptized us with the fire of the Holy Spirit, offered his own body on the cross and restored all creation to new life in you.

On the night before he died, Jesus taught his disciples, saying, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” He took bread, broke it, gave thanks, and shared it with them saying, “Take and eat, this is my Body, given for you and for all. Do this to remember me.”

He also taught them saying, “I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.” He took the cup of wine, gave thanks and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and drink, this is my Blood, shed for you and for all. Do this to remember me.”

Together, let us tell of the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering Jesus’ life and death, and celebrating our place in salvation, we offer these gifts of bread and wine, as a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They were made with human hands from the gifts of your creation. We also offer ourselves, a living sacrifice, to be your people.

Send your Spirit on these gifts, to be for us the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Spirit on us, also, that we may be a Sacrament to the world. Strengthen us to be branches of the Vine, bearing fruit as the hands of Christ, healing the earth and all of your people. Give us hope in the promise that you will bring all creation to fulfillment through Jesus Christ our savior.

We ask all of these things through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him and through the Holy Spirit, the breath of all creation, all honor and glory belong to you, Creator God, throughout all time and forever.

AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

Communion

You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to receive communion.

To receive the sacrament, come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The wine is received by intinction, by dipping the wafer into the bowl. Please let the clergy know if you require a **gluten-free wafer**. To indicate that you would prefer a **blessing only**, cross your arms across your chest.

If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn

Lead Us Heavenly Father

Hymnal 559

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;
heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing
thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,
plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.
per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.
par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867), alt. Music: *Dulce carmen*, melody from *An Essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782; adapt. *Collection of Motets or Antiphons*, ca 1840; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God

in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -
 *2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and
 *3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic

more to be; and though leav - ing now thine
 Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry
 voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy

al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.
 veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.
 hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - thems raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy
 Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as
 Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has
 through our prayer; grant us light to see and
 ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.
 know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.
 ev - er— peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

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 Music: *Werde munter*, Johann Schop (d. 1665?); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth doing our work to shine the light of Christ on the forgotten corners of the world.

People We will with God's help. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Please join us for coffee hour following our Sunday morning worship service!



To donate flowers for our altar, contact the church office or click "Donate" on the church website.

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For the season of Epiphany, we are using the liturgy for the Season of Creation from New Creation Liturgies, <https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/>.

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Presider

The Rev. Eric Rucker (5 pm)
The Rev. Kyle Carswell (10:15 am)

Preacher

The Rev. Eric Rucker

Deacon

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

Music Director

Don Agee

Acolytes

Millie Luft, Maggie Luft, Neana Griffith Tierney

Chalice Bearers

Susan Leonard (5 pm)
Amy Rech, Lillie McManus (10:15 am)

Lector/Litanist

Mary Sheldahl (5 pm)
Lyndy Wells, Caitlin McManus (10:15 am)

Oblation Bearers

Dick Leonard (5 pm)
Marcy Luft, Luke Luft, Lucy Luft (10:15 am)

Ushers

Alex Volker (5 pm)
Emily Nastruz, Jacob Nastruz (10:15 am)

Altar Guild

Jennie McKinney (5 pm)
Marty Wells, OPEN (10:15 am)

Offering Counters

Priscilla Sayeed, Randy Pettit

Livestream Coordinator

Colleen Krantz

Vestry Representative

Mel Rambo

2nd OFFERING PARTNER



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SIMPSON YOUTH ACADEMY

Simpson Youth Academy is a unique program on the Simpson College campus that allows rising high school juniors and seniors to explore their faith and prepare for college.

They believe that young people have power and gifts that are essential for the healing of the world, not just in the distant future, but now. Grounded in the Christian tradition and utilizing resources from the United Methodist Church, they are an ecumenical community of youth and adult mentors who explore deep faith-related questions and take action, in order to equip youth to live into their callings as agents of peace and justice in the church and world.

If you would like to help support this ministry financially, you can do so at: sttimothyiowa.org/donate

COMING UP

THE COMING WEEK

Monday, February 3

1 pm Casserole Baking
6 pm Executive Team Meeting
6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, February 4

5:30 pm Liberty Landing

Wednesday, February 5

11:30 am Men's Lunch at Palmer's
7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 6

9:30 am Bible Study
11:30 am Ladies Who Lunch
5 pm YJI

Friday, February 7

DIOCESAN SKI TRIP BEGINS

10 am BBB
10 am Wittmayer Funeral

Saturday, February 8

9 am Centering Prayer
5 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, February 9

DIOCESAN SKI TRIP ENDS

9 am Childcare Available
9:15 am Christian Formation
9:15 am Joppa Meal Prep
10:15 am Holy Eucharist
10:15 am Children Living the Word
11:30 am Coffee Hour