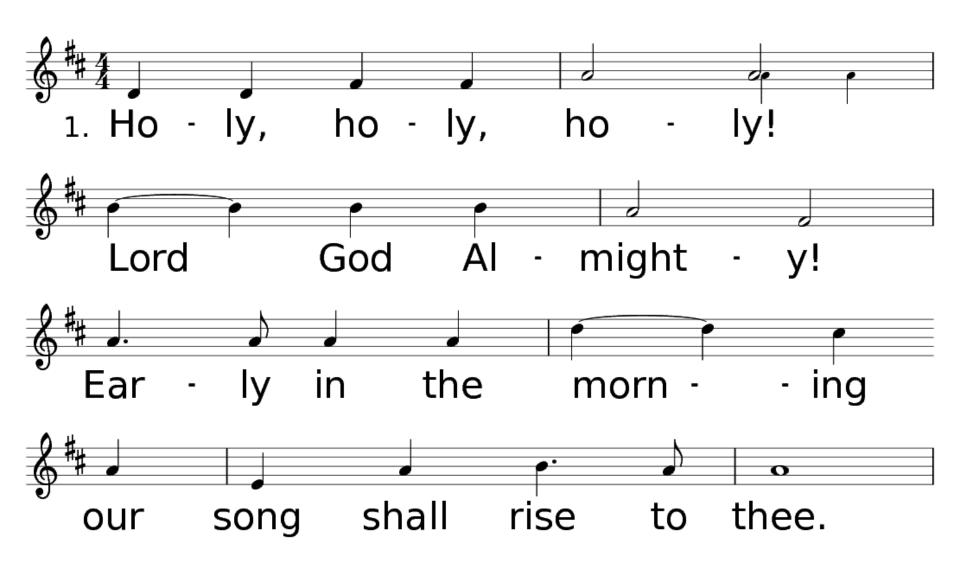
Welcome to Kirkwood!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Glory to God #1

Opening Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" v. 1, 2, & 4

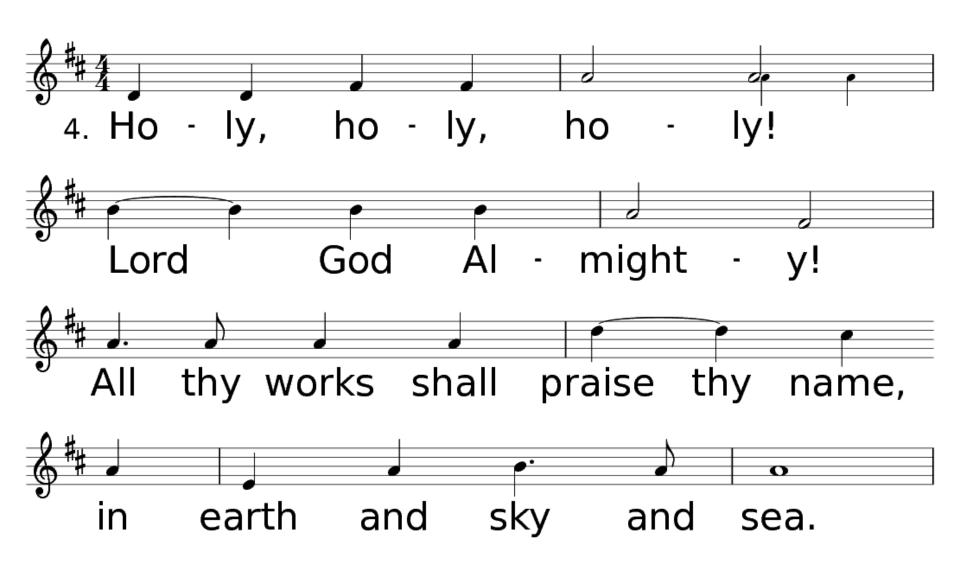


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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus

Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bring to God a humble spirit.

People: For God will not reject a

humble and penitent heart.

All: Let us worship God.

A Time for Children

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: Dear God, we have disappointed you with the decisions we have made. We worship things of less value than you.

We mistake earthly symbols as goals, and choose the finite over the infinite. You are more patient than we deserve, and you do not relent in calling us to you.

Forgive us and give us time to overcome our stubbornness and errors in our ways, through Jesus Christ our savior.

Leader: Please continue in silent confession....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! We are dealt with mercifully.

People: The grace of our Lord Jesus is given to us lavishly through faith and love.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are

forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?

When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'

Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

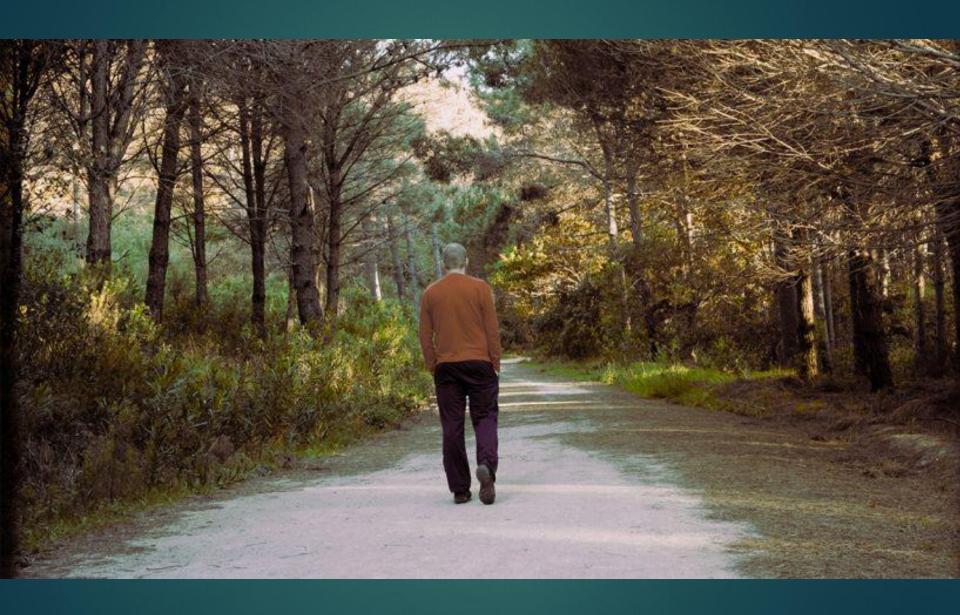
People: Thanks be to God.

The Shepherd Who Never Gives Up













Middle Hymn

"Open Up the Heavens"

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I BELIEVE in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Giving Thanks to God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Song

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; **Praise Father, Son** and Holy Ghost. Amen. (repeat Amen 6 times)

Prayer of Dedication

People: Fill our minds with your wisdom, O God, and our hearts with sincerity. Make us willing to obey you and to teach others your commands, so that we may all return to you, through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Glory to God #546

Closing Hymn

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

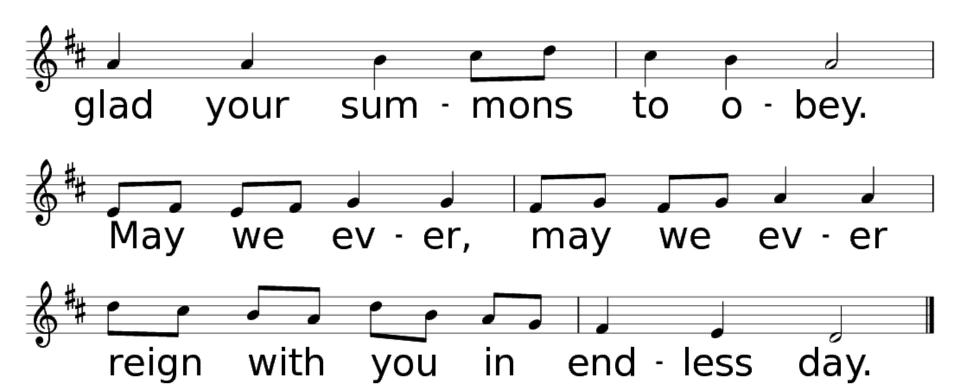












Charge and Blessing