

Service of the Word  
*with*  
The Rite of Installation  
*of*  
The Reverend Virginia Solveig Aebischer  
*as the*  
Bishop of the South Carolina Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

+ Preludes +

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The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Charleston*

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## Welcome of the Bishop-Elect

*Retiring Bishop Herman Yoos of the South Carolina Synod addresses the assembly.*

Greetings in the name of Christ  
Jesus. Grace and peace be with  
you.

**And also with you.**

Dear friends, we have come together in person and online from many places to mark a new season of ministry in the life of this church and in the South Carolina Synod as we install our next bishop. Let us welcome our bishop-elect.

**Gathering Song**

**“City of God”**

Dan Schutte

*This song is presented as a solo.*

*Please use this time to meditate as you listen to the music unless you are at home, then, feel free to join in.*

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep  
The people in darkness have seen a great light  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day  
The One who has loved us has brightened our way

God is light; in him there is no darkness  
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all

O comfort My people; make gentle your words  
Proclaim to My city the day of her birth

Let us build the city of God  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love  
Has turned the night into day!

*The Rev. Ozzie Herlong, Secretary of the South Carolina Synod introduces the bishop-elect.*

Dear friends in Christ,  
we bring before you the Reverend Virginia Solveig  
Aebischer, who has served among us faithfully

as the Assistant to the Bishop, South Carolina Synod, and sister in Christ.

With gratitude for her ministry with us,  
we bless her to serve now  
as the Bishop of the South Carolina Synod  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*Bishop Yoos continues in the Welcome.*

Virginia Solveig, pastor in the church of God,  
we have looked forward to your serving in this new  
role with great joy. In the name of Christ, we greet you.

*The assembly responds:*

**In the name of Christ, we welcome you.**

*The bishop-elect responds:*

*Thank you for your welcome and your prayers.  
I hope to serve among you in Christ's name and in the joy of the  
Spirit. May the peace of God be upon this house and all who gather  
with us today`.*

*Bishop Yoos continues:*

Virginia Solveig, in your baptism you were clothed with Christ,  
and you are now called by God through the voice of the  
church to enter upon the ministry of bishop.

*The assembly responds:*

**We remember with joy our common  
calling through baptism to serve Christ,  
and we celebrate God's call to you, our sister.**

*Bishop Yoos concludes:*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as we begin this new  
season of ministry, may our celebration recall for us  
the unity that is given in baptism and nurtured at the  
Lord's table. May we rejoice in the many gifts  
enriching the life of our church  
and be strengthened to proclaim the good news of Christ in the world.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*The Rev. Paul Aebischer, Assisting Minister*

Friends in Christ,  
in Holy Baptism God frees us from bondage  
of sin, unites us together as one body,  
and calls us forth to new life and mission in the world.  
As we gather today, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism . . .

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over  
the water and by your Word you created the  
world, calling forth life in which you took  
delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his  
family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery  
into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized  
by John and anointed with the Holy  
Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters  
and sons, making us heirs of your promise and  
servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus  
Christ. Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

*Presiding Bishop Eaton shares the Greeting and Prayer*

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

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus  
Christ you gave the holy apostles many  
gifts and commanded them to feed  
your flock.

Inspire all pastors and deacons to proclaim your word  
diligently and your people to receive it willingly,

that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Greeting

The Rt. Reverend Andrew Waldo,  
*Bishop of the Episcopal Upper Diocese of South Carolina*

The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton  
*Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## Song of Praise

## “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Matt Redman

*This song is presented as a solo.*

*Please use this time to meditate as you listen to the music unless you are at home, then, feel free to join in.*

*Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name

+ WORD +

First Reading

Isaiah 42:5-9

*Mr. Micah Aebischer, Lay Reader*

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

*Response after the reading:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 46

*Ms. Cora Carter, Lay Reader*

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup>The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Response after the reading:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 2:13-22*

*Mr. Joshua Aebischer, Lay Reader*

<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*Response after the reading:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation “Come to Us, Creative Spirit”

CASTLEWOOD

*This song is presented as a solo.*

*Please use this time to meditate as you listen to the music unless you are at home, then, feel free to join in.*

Come to us, creative Spirit,  
in this holy house;  
ev'ry human talent hallow,  
hidden skills arouse,  
that within your earthly temple,  
wise and simple, may rejoice.

Poet, painter, music-maker,  
all your treasures bring;  
craftsman, actor, graceful dancer,  
make your offering;  
join your hands in celebration:  
let creation shout and sing!

Word from God eternal springing,  
fill our minds, we pray;  
and in all artistic vision

give integrity:  
may the flame within us burning  
kindle yearning day by day.

In all places and forever  
glory be expressed  
to the Son, with God the Father  
and the Spirit blest:  
in our worship and our living  
keep us striving for the best.

## Gospel

Matthew 11:28-30

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. Presiding Bishop Eaton reads the gospel.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Response after the reading:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The soloist repeats the gospel acclamation.*

## Sermon

*Presiding Bishop Eaton, Preacher*

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*



## Hymn of the Day

“Lord Jesus You Shall be My Song”

*Jésus, je voudrais te chanter*

*This song is presented as a solo.*

*Please use this time to meditate as you listen to the music unless you are at home, then, feel free to join in.*

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the family you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

## Nicene Creed

*Presiding Bishop Eaton leads 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 and the Son, 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.**

## ✠ INSTALLATION ✠

### Presentation

*The Rev. Ozzie Herlong, Secretary of the Synod presents the bishop-elect.*

I present Virginia Solveig Aebischer, who has been elected and called by the church, for installation into the office of bishop of the South Carolina Synod.

*The assembly is seated.*

### Address and Questions

*The bishop-elect is addressed with words of scripture.*

*The Rev. David Donges: A reading from John:* Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

*The Rev. Jackie Utley: A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

*Deacon Sarah Bowers: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:* Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. (Acts 20:28)

*The Rev. Paul Aebischer: A reading from Second Timothy:* Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

(2 Timothy 2:15)

*The Rt. Rev. Andrew Waldo:* Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. (2 Timothy 1:13-14)

*The presiding bishop questions the bishop-elect.*

To you is being given the care of the pastors, deacons, and congregations of this synod. I ask you in the presence of God and of this assembly: will you assume the office of bishop of the South Carolina Synod?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you be faithful in your office? Will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church? *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church, and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all you do?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you guide, encourage, and support the ministries and the congregations of this synod in their ministries? Will you be an advocate for the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and will you support this church's work with global and ecumenical partners?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. **Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

*The presiding bishop addresses the assembly.*

People of God, representatives of this synod, will you receive Virginia Solveig as a servant of God and a shepherd in the church of Jesus Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*The one being installed may kneel.*

## Hymn of Invocation

### “Creator of the Stars of Night”

Latin Hymn

*This song is presented as a solo.*

*Please use this time to meditate as you listen to the music unless you are at home, then, feel free to join in.*

Creator of the stars of night,  
your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, redeemer of us all,  
we pray you hear us when we call.

When this old world drew on toward night,  
you came; but not in splendor bright,  
not as a monarch, but the child  
of Mary, blessed mother mild.

At your great name, O Jesus, now  
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
all things on earth with one accord,  
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray,  
redeem us for eternal day;  
defend us while we dwell below  
from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honor, might, and glory be  
from age to age eternally. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

*The presiding bishop leads the assembly in giving thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we give you thanks that by your Holy Spirit you sustain the church.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
you call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the whole church.

*Three bishops in historic succession join in the laying on of hands in conformity with the canons of the Council of Nicaea.*

*The presiding bishop then lays both hands on the head of the bishop-elect.*

Pour out your Spirit upon Virginia Solveig  
to empower and enlighten her ministry as a bishop in your church.  
Sustain her as a shepherd who tends the flock of Christ with love and gentleness and  
oversees the ministries of the church with vision and wisdom.  
Uphold her as a faithful steward of your holy word and life-giving sacraments and a strong  
sign of reconciliation among all people.  
Give courage and fortitude to sustain her in this ministry.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord,  
through whom all glory and power and honor are yours in your holy church, both now  
and forever.  
**Amen.**

*The presiding bishop continues.*

The office of bishop is now committed to you  
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Blessing

*Addressing the newly installed bishop, the presiding bishop proclaims God's blessing.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great  
shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in  
everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is  
pleasing in God's sight;  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession with Prayer Response

*The Rev. Paul Aebischer, Assisting Minister*

*This song is presented as a solo in between prayer petitions.*

*Please use this time to meditate as you listen to the music unless you are at home, then, feel free to join in.*

### **“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”**

*The Lord Is My Song*

O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song,  
the Lord is my praise:  
all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song,  
the Lord is my praise:  
God, the wellspring of life.

AND

*The Presiding Bishop concludes the Prayers of Intercession.*

Remember to rekindle the gift of God that is within you.

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity  
but a spirit of power and love and self-control.

**Amen.**

## Giving of the Sign of the Office

*The bishop is presented with the South Carolina pectoral cross by former Bishop Herman Yoos.*

Receive this cross and wear it  
as a sign of your calling to serve Christ and his people,  
and as an emblem of the office to which you have been elected.

## Presentation of the new Bishop

*The newly installed bishop stands and the Presiding Bishop presents her to the people.*

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

## +Installation of Assistant to the Bishop+

### Presentation

*The Synod Bishop addresses the assembly.*

Having been authorized by the church to install *Richard Tinsley Carter*,  
our co-worker in the gospel, as Assistant to the Bishop, South Carolina Synod – ELCA,  
I now ask for certification of this call.

*Deacon Lexanne Graves, Vice President, South Carolina Synod Council presents the Assistant to the Bishop*

After prayerful deliberation, we, of *South Carolina Synod Council*,  
have called *Richard Tinsley Carter* as *Assistant to the Bishop*.

I present him and this letter certifying the call.

*The representative gives the Bishop the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted.*

*The representative moves aside, and the assembly is seated.*

## Address and Questions

*The Assistant to the Bishop is addressed with words of scripture.*

*The Rev. Dr. Mary Hinkle Shore:* A reading from *John*: Jesus said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (*John 20:21-23*)

*The Rev. Jorge Leone: A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

*Deacon Shelley Allen: A reading from First Timothy:* Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)

*The Bishop questions the pastor being installed.*

Rick, in the presence of this assembly  
will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,  
in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

*Response:*

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures  
and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?  
Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

*Response:*

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures  
and in your use of the means of grace?  
Will you love, serve, and pray for God’s people,  
nourish them with the word and sacraments,  
and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

*Response:*

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you give faithful witness in the world,  
that God’s love may be known in all that you do?

*Response:*

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,  
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

*The assembly responds:*

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

*The Bishop addresses the assembly.*

People of God,  
will you receive Rick as a messenger of Jesus Christ  
sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?  
Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?  
**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for him,  
help and honor him for his work's sake,  
and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?  
**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*The Bishop addresses the pastor being installed.*

Richard Tinsley, the office of Assistant to the Bishop is now committed to you  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Blessing

*The newly installed Assistant to the Bishop may kneel as the Bishop proclaims God's blessing.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will,  
working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight;  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## Individual Prayers for the Bishop and Assistant to the Bishop

Following the tradition of our Companion Synod partners in the Lutheran Church in Colombia, and in the South West Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania individual members of the gathered congregation may come forward to offer a private prayer blessing for the new Bishop and new Assistant to the Bishop. Please keep your mask on and observe appropriate physical distance during your prayer and while you wait your turn to share prayer. Those online may wish to leave a message of prayer or blessing for one or both of these leaders.

During these Individual Prayers and Blessings these songs will be sung by our soloist:

Will you let me be your Servant  
Let us build a house  
Lord, whose love in humble service  
All are welcome

## Peace

*The new bishop and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

*La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.  
**Y tambien contigo.***

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**



## Offering

*The Offering is designated for use in assisting Rostered Leaders with support to supplement counseling and mental health needs.*

*Those present who wish to contribute their offering may leave it in the offering plate at the exit. Those online who wish to contribute may use our online offering [Link to offering http://scsynod.us/scsynod-offering](http://scsynod.us/scsynod-offering)  
Give by Text: Text “give” to (864) 383-1482. Once set up, designate the dollar amount you’d like to donate and the word offering (eg. “10 offering”). No dollar sign is needed.*

## Offering Song

**“We are an offering”**

Dwight Liles

*This song is presented as a solo.*

*You may feel moved to sing along, but please use this time to meditate as you listen to the music*

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
Lord use our voices  
Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives they are Yours  
We are an offering

All that we have  
All that we are  
All that we hope to be  
We give to You  
We give to You

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering  
We are an offering.

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be  
your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and  
deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now  
and forever. Amen.**

+ SENDING +

Sending Song  
“Peace”

Played and Sung by Micah Aebischer

A Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort  
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so  
that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger  
at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that  
you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears  
to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that  
you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain  
into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness  
to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that  
you can do what others claim cannot be done  
to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

In the name of the Triune + God.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

### **“To be Your Presence”**

ENGELBERG

*This song is presented as a solo.*

*Please use this time to meditate as you listen to the music unless you are at home, then, feel free to join in.*

To be your presence is our mission here,  
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,  
to be your heart of mercy ever near,  
alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission bold,  
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,  
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,  
alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission blest,  
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,  
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,  
alleluia!

We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,  
to serve your people is our call and choice,  
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,  
alleluia!

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

Virgil Fox/J.S. Bach

*A reception will follow the service in the Courtyard.*

*Please exit Courtyard side (left) of the Narthex.*

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