

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE Spirit of the Living God UMH 393

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,
Creator of all that is,
In you, we live and move and have our being.
You have placed us on earth
and sustained our being through the produce of the land
and the cleanness of the air we breathe.
You have made us for each other,
to tend and care for the weak
and ensure a just sharing of the earth's resources.
But we are part of a proud and hard-hearted people
who hoard what the earth provides
and seem loathe to share the fruits of our labours,
who live for today with little thought for tomorrow,
who are afraid to let pain and suffering affect us.
Incarnate God, you know us in our inner being.
In your grace, you offer us forgiveness
even before we have the chance to articulate our sorrow.
You embrace us in all our sinfulness
And, in doing so, give us the chance to start again
to learn from the example you have given us in Jesus,
who chose the way of the Cross
that all might know the depth of your love for all you have made.
Spirit of God,
open our hearts and minds
that we may grasp your forgiveness,
and forgiven, seek to forgive others
and to live a life of reconciling love
modelled on the example of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we make this prayer. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN Surely the Presence of the Lord UMH 328

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Abiding Spirit of Love, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. As Jesus offered himself in love and obedience, so we offer these gifts today—not out of obligation, but as signs of our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them—to remind the world that Christ’s story abides in us. May your Spirit strengthen us to live what we give and give what we believe. In the name of the one who promised never to leave us. Amen.

OFFERTORY

(8:30) Dr. Daniel Cummings

(11:00) Un Regalo de Dios – A Gift from God
Handbells

Elizabeth Peters Mass ApPeal

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Spirit is here.

The Spirit is with us.

Sung Responses by Karen Marrolli

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the God of love.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right, and a joyful thing,

to give you thanks, God of tenderness and life.

You create us in love.

You know us by name.

You hold us with mercy that does not turn away.

You meet us in care that nurtures,

in love that stays,

and in grace that holds us

through joy and sorrow alike.

In Jesus, your love took flesh among us.

He welcomed those overlooked.

He blessed the weary.

He honoured those whose stories were not simple.

He formed a community of grace,

shaped by mercy, justice, and love.

And so, with angels and ancestors,
and with all who trust your love to hold what they cannot carry alone,
we sing the song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Holy One.
You draw near to us
with tenderness and truth.

Jesus knew the gift and cost of human love.
He was held as a child,
blessed by those who recognised hope in him,
and loved by those who could not keep him from suffering.

At the cross, in the hour of pain,
his mother stayed near.
Love that had nurtured him
did not turn away in sorrow.
And he entrusted her into the care of another,
holding open love in the shadow of loss.

In him we see your heart –
merciful and truthful,
gentle and brave,
faithful in love.

On the night before he gave himself for us,
Jesus took bread;
he gave thanks, broke it, and said:
“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the meal was ended,
he took the cup;
he gave thanks, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.”

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

Pour out your Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.
Make them for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ:
tender in welcome,
truthful in love,
steady in compassion,
brave in justice.

Where people carry grief, make us gentle.
Where people feel forgotten, make us attentive.
Where families are marked by hurt or distance, make us gracious.
Where care is needed, make us generous.

Give us hearts wide enough
to honour joy without denying sorrow,
to speak gratitude without silencing pain,
and to become a community
where people can breathe more freely.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
God of mercy and steadfast love,
now and always.

Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER (SPOKEN IN YOUR HEART LANGUAGE)

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. Amen.

Amen, amen. Hosanna in the highest!

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Dr. Daniel Cummings

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* **SENDING HYMN** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH 384

BENEDICTION

Go now to love and serve God in the blessing of the Spirit who journeys with you as we live the unfolding story of God's dream for creation here and now. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Dr. Daniel Cummings