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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

PRELUDE *Please gather in silence to prepare for worship*

Stand

GATHERING HYMN

640 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer. Acts 3:1

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care,
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear

And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known
To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless:

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief
And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His Word, and trust His grace,

And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
I'll cast on Him my ev - ery care And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

TEXT: William W. Walford
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury

SWEET HOUR
L.M.D.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel, sit or stand

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

Stand

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Cantor, then All Lord, have mer - cy. *Cantor, then All* Christ, have mer -
Cantor, then All cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. 1. We

Verse 1
praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will.

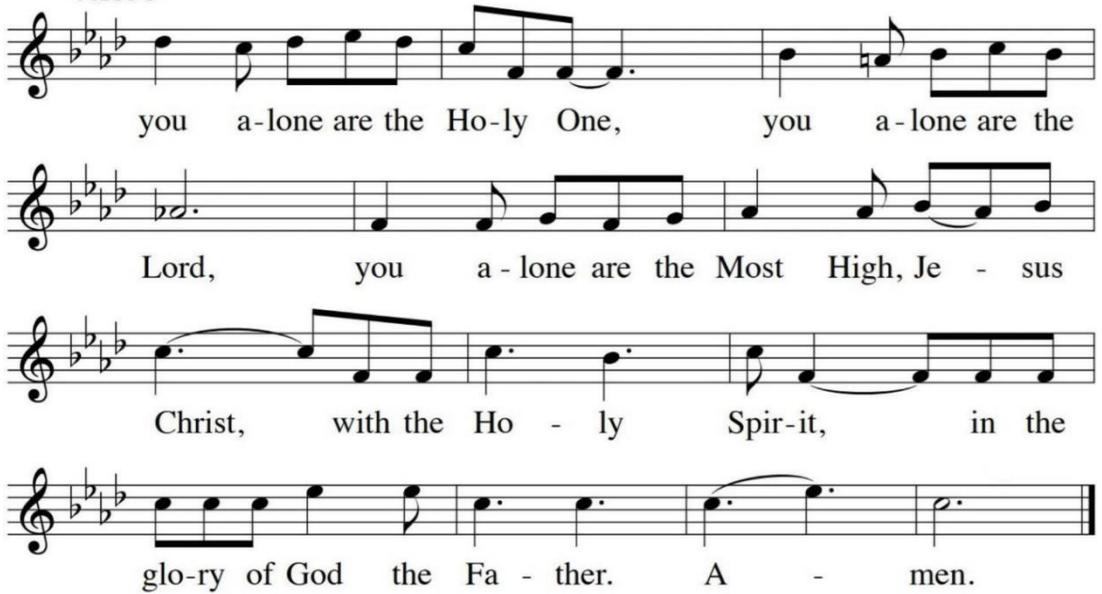
Verse 2

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa -
ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us; you take a - way the
sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa -
ther, have mer - cy on us.

Refrain

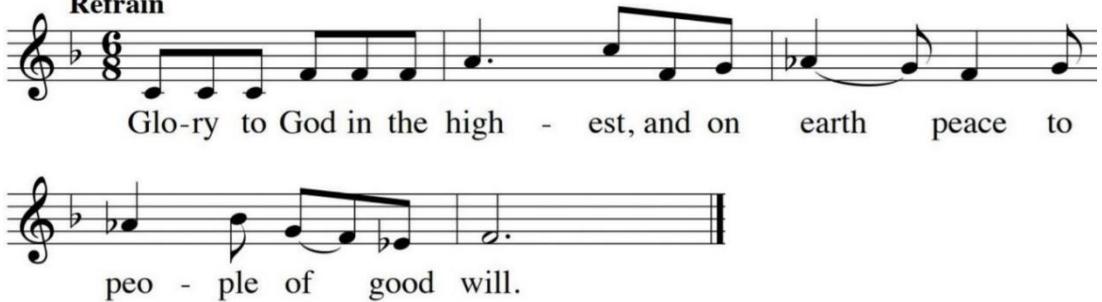
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. 3. For

Verse 3



you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Pastoral Prayer
- C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: EXODUS 32:19-35

¹⁹ When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

²¹ He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

²² “Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil. ²³ They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’ ²⁴ So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”

²⁵ Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. ²⁶ So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.

²⁷ Then he said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.’” ²⁸ The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. ²⁹ Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.”

³⁰ The next day Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.”

³¹ So Moses went back to the LORD and said, “Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. ³² But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.”

³³ The LORD replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book. ³⁴ Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.”
³⁵ And the LORD struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 137:7-9

R ⁷ Remember, LORD, what the Edomites did
on the day Jerusalem fell.

“Tear it down,” they cried,
“tear it down to its foundations!”

C ⁸ **Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction,
happy is the one who repays you
according to what you have done to us.**

⁹ Happy is the one who seizes your infants
and dashes them against the rocks.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 4:25-32

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ “In your anger do not sin”^[a]: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of

redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 8/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a time signature of 8/8. The melody consists of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note Bb3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F3. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The second staff is identical to the first, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' written below the notes.

GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-17

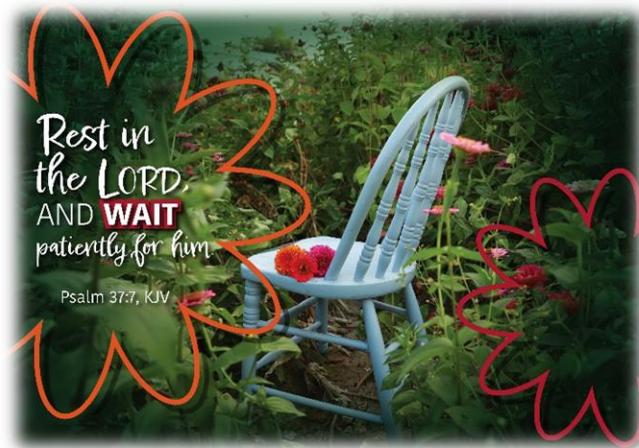
P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Be seated

SERMON “The Seven Deadly Sins: Anger vs. Patience”

Pastor Phil Hohulin

Moment of silent reflection after sermon

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



- 1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers’ debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.
Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Kneel/sit/stand

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:

A Holy God, save us from every vice that would conspire against us and strengthen in us every virtue in conformity to your Son. Help us respond to others with the same patience that you have first shown to us. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Lord of creation, we give you thanks for the beauty of Spring: for budding trees and blooming flowers. These remind us that you are a beauty creating and restoration making God. May the hearts of all be renewed by your salvation. Particularly, we pray for the work of our ministry partner, H2O Wright State. Give new birth to discipleship and strengthen the faith of the students they serve. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, pour out your sustaining power and comforting presence on all who are sick and suffering, [particularly] Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Sovereign Master, bestow your wisdom, strength, protection, and courage upon all who serve in our armed forces. Grant also these virtues to all elected representatives of our republic. Guard them from corruption and temptation. Conform their wills to your will and enable them to lead according to your statutes. Assist them to ensure the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all, from first heartbeat to last. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Head of the Church, bless the leaders of our denomination: our bishop Dan Selbo; his assistants Amy, Gemechis, Phillip, Andrew, Eric, Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky; and the staff and faculty of our North American Lutheran Seminary. Raise a new generation of pastors to shepherd your flock. Enhance the missional efforts of all congregations that faithfully proclaim your word. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Stand

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Be seated

OFFERING

Special Music

Stand

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The music is a hymn tune with a simple, steady rhythm.

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature as the first system. It continues the melody and accompaniment of the hymn.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
Lord, God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C 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.**

Be seated

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. *(Repeat from beginning)* Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

**White grape juice is in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers available at the rail upon request.*

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the *bread and the *wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to serve Him. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: Amen.*



Stand

PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (V1 Only)

Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



MAY THE LORD

*Bless You
& Keep You*

581 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. John 14:1

> 1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His Word,
 > 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood,
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease,
 > 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;

Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."
 Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
 Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest, and joy and peace.
 And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

Refrain

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Optional last refrain setting

no rit. Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him

o'er and o'er! Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "no rit. Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him" and "o'er and o'er! Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!".

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Welcome to our guests!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to come and get to know us at the pace that fits who you are, where you are on your spiritual journey, and to explore with us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, Tidings of Grace, please send an email to our administrative assistant, Brenda, at gracewcsecretary@yahoo.com.



Servant Schedule



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April-Carol Rothfuss & Shirley Schryver

May-Shirley Gordon & Wanda Petrenio

Assistant Minister

April 28

Sandy Rice

May 5

Shirley Schryver

May 12

N'Anne Knight

May 19

Joe Costantino

May 26

Sandy Rice

Lector

George Reinhart

Leslie Jackson

Julie Hohulin

Steve Gross

Deborah Ross

Sunday School

Young Learners (Prek—K)

April 28

Diane & N'Anne

May 5

Sally & Sandy

May 12

Wanda & Steve

May 19

Pam & Sandy

Disciples (Early Elementary)

Julie

Chris

Heather

Cassie





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As a congregation of the
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we are guided by four core values:

1. Christ Centered
2. Mission Driven
3. Traditionally Grounded
4. Congregationally Focused



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