OPENING VOLUNTARY:
Trumpet Tune on Lobe den Herren
Walter Webber

*GREETING*
Leader 1:  Hear, O Israel:
Leader 2:  Hear, O church:
Leaders 1&2: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might.
Leader 1: This is the greatest and first commandment.
Leader 2: And a second is like it:
People: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
Leader 1: With what shall we come before the Lord,
and bow ourselves before God most high?
Leader 2: God has told us, O church, what is good,
and what does God require?
People: To do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with God.
Leader 1: Friends, we have gathered here
to worship God and to feast on God’s Word.
Let us join our voices in praise
to the God who gathers us and feeds us.

*HYMNS: All Who Hunger
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, st. 1-4

*OPENING PRAYER*
Almighty and eternal God,
We give you thanks –
for this new day,
for giving us breath,
for calling us here.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

“All Who Hunger” words by Sylvia G. Dunstan, is from The Faith We Sing, page 2126.

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” is from The United Methodist Hymnal, page 139.
As we worship and as we work,
receive our offering of praise
and equip us to be your people in the world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, st. 5

ACT OF PRAISE: Abide With Us  Mark A. Miller
Combined Youth Choirs from Brentwood UMC and Christ UMC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Lord, as we prepare to receive your Word,
help us, like students,
to humble ourselves before you, our Teacher. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:1-9a

*HYMN: In Christ Called to Baptize

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CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

God of mercy,
as we worship you this day,
we know many of your beloved children are hurting today.
For those who are wounded in body and spirit,
   Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
For all whose daily needs go unfulfilled,
   Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
For those who allow their religion to get in the way of their faith,
   Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
For all who are afraid to follow your call to “go and do likewise,”
   Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
For your church gathered here and in communities all around the world,
   Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
For this world and its leaders – friends and enemies alike,
   Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and empower us to live our prayer,
   through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION: The Table of Grace

Mickey Cates
Combined Youth Choirs from Brentwood UMC and Christ UMC
Carrie Gerow, dance

CONFESSION, PARDON, AND PEACE

As those who have been touched by your Son,
as those who have been awakened by your Spirit,
as those who have come together to do your work
and yet as those who –
despite our holy calling –
are rebellious souls needing to repent:
let us confess our sin before God and one another.
Where our familiarity with the Gospel has desensitized us to its demanding truth; where our relationship with Christ has become more nostalgic than dynamic; where we have lost our Spirit-breath and become lifeless and self-serving, we ask for your grace and mercy, O God.

_Sung response:_

Where we have regarded transformation as what we do rather than what Christ does; where we have regarded mission as charity to those beneath us rather than love toward those beside us; where our hands have been quick to give but our hearts have been reluctant to receive, we ask for your grace and mercy, O God.

_(Sung): Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy._

On us, in us, for us, through us, around us, before us, and – if need be – despite us, we ask for your grace and your mercy, O God.

_(Sung): Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy._

Listen, for these are the words of Jesus Christ and they can be trusted.

“I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

Whoever follows God’s commandments are the ones who will inherit eternal life.
Never mind what the others do... you... follow me.”

Thanks be to God, who meets and mends us in Jesus. Amen.

**OFFERING:** *God Has Work for Us to Do*  
Mark A. Miller

*DOXOLOGY*

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

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,    
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away, and our love failed,  
your love remained steadfast.  
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,    
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day    
when justice shall roll down like waters    
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,    
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,    
neither shall they learn war anymore.  
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"God Has Work for Us to Do," music by Mark A. Miller, Choristers Guild, CGA1288.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, 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.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and the cup.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
so we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood,
inspired and empowered by your Holy Spirit,
sent to serve God and neighbor.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church,
al all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER
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, the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
Where Charity and Love Prevail

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Loving God in Jesus Christ,
With gratitude for your holy nourishment around this table,
we dedicate:
our lips to be the hopeful voice of Christ to the despairing;
our hands to reach out in Christ’s name to heal the broken;
our feet to walk with Christ to visit those who are shunned;
our bodies to be Christ’s living sacrifice to break the power of death.


*HYMN: The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

God the Sender, send us.
God the Sent, come with us.
God the Strengthener of those who go, empower us,
that we may go in peace to be God’s people.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE: Toccata in D Minor

Gaston Bélier

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