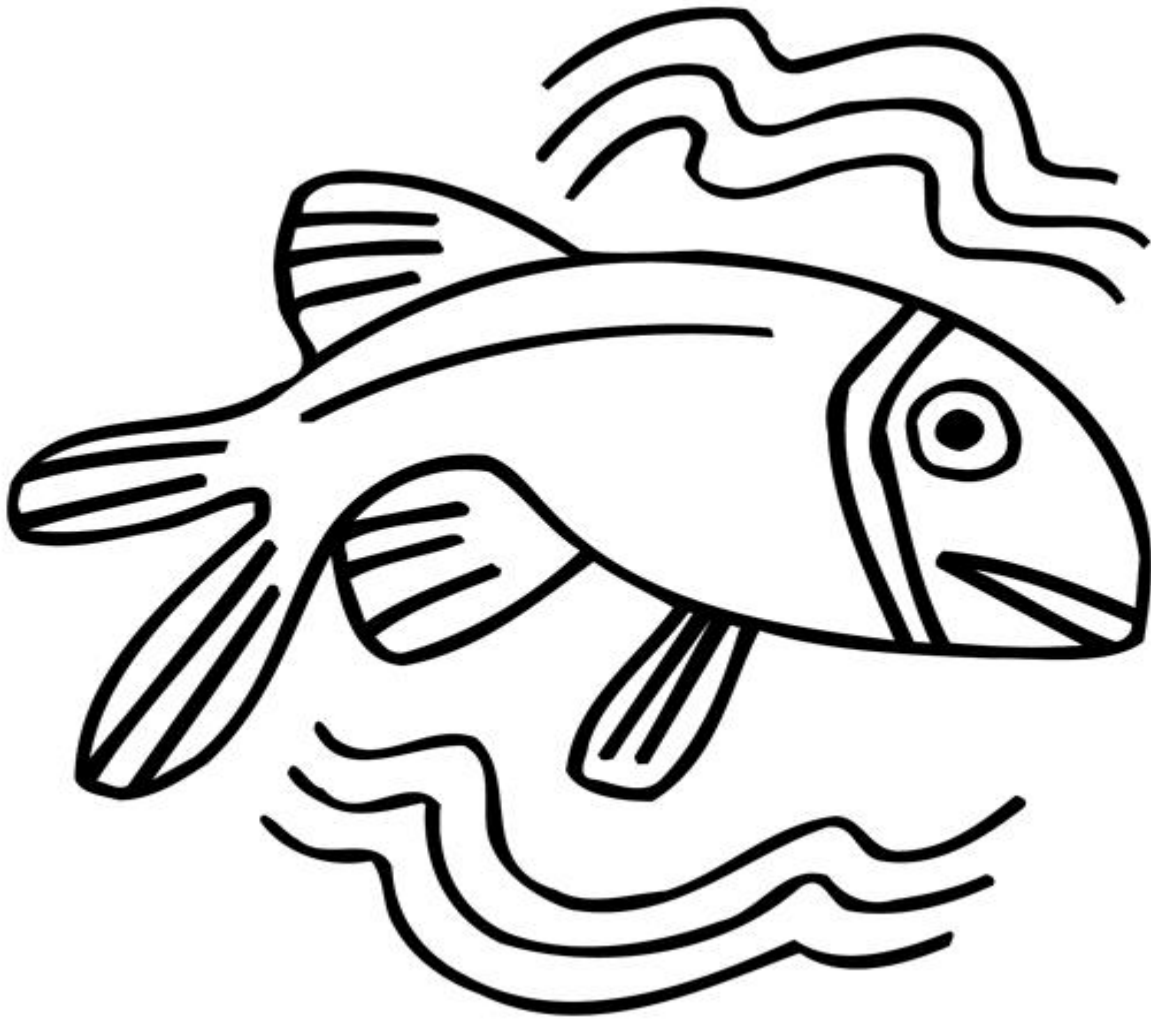


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❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song

I Will Follow

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow.
Oh, oh, oh.

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure;
I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life;
I will trust in You alone.

Refrain:

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow

You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life --
I will live for You alone.
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find
All I need in You alone.
In You alone.

(Refrain)

In You, there's life everlasting.
In You, there's freedom for my soul.
In You, there's joy, unending joy;
And I will follow.

(Refrain 2x)

You, Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

🌀 WORD 🌀

Children's Message

Children come forward as we sing "This Little Light of Mine".

First Reading: **Jonah 1**

L A reading from the book of Jonah.

Narrator: ¹ *One day* the word of the Eternal One came to *the prophet* Jonah (Amittai's son).

Eternal One: ² Get up, and go to that powerful *and notorious* city of Nineveh. Call out *My message* against it because the wickedness of its people has come to *My* attention.

Narrator: ³ *In hearing those instructions*, Jonah got up and ran toward Tarshish from the Eternal's presence. He went down to *the port at* Joppa and found a ship bound for Tarshish. He *climbed aboard*, paid the fare, and made himself *comfortable* in the hold of the ship.

⁴ *Not to be deterred*, the Eternal One threw an intense wind at the sea. The violence of the storm put Jonah's ship in jeopardy of breaking apart. ⁵ The sailors panicked! They started *running back and forth*, throwing cargo overboard to lighten the boat; every man, *out of desperation*, cried to his own deity. *Eventually, a sailor found* Jonah down in the hold of the ship, where he had lain down and fallen into a deep slumber. ⁶ *When the captain heard, he went down and woke* Jonah up.

Captain: How can you sleep *so deeply*? Get up, and call out to your deity! Maybe your deity will see what is happening and save us *from this catastrophe*.

Sailors (to one another): ⁷ *You know what we should do?* We should cast lots to find out who is ultimately responsible for our distress!

Narrator: So they cast their lots, and Jonah's name was chosen.

- Sailors:** ⁸ *Who are you?* We must know who is responsible for this disaster that would swallow us *in the sea*. What do you do? Where are you from? What country is your home? Whom are you descended from?
- Jonah:** ⁹ I am Hebrew, and the God whom I worship is the Eternal One, the God of heaven. He made the sea and the land, *so He controls them*.
- Narrator:** ¹⁰ After interrogating him, the sailors were terrified because Jonah had told them he was running away from the Eternal's presence.
- Sailors (to Jonah):** What have you done? *Because of you, we're all going to be killed.*
- ¹¹ (shouting over the building storm) What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?
- Jonah (shouting back):** ¹² *God is using the sea to punish me, so pick me up and throw me into the sea! Then the sea will grow calm again, and you'll be safe!* This is *all* my fault! This great storm *of my God's anger* has built against you because of me!
- Narrator:** ¹³ The sailors ignored Jonah's advice and tried to row back to land. They made no headway because the violence of the storm kept growing.
- Sailors (to God):** ¹⁴ Eternal One! Please, *we beg You*—do not kill us as if we had murdered this man. And don't punish us as if we'd killed an innocent person. *We understand that You, Eternal One, do as You please.*
- Narrator:** ¹⁵ At that, they grabbed Jonah *by his arms and legs* and threw him overboard. And when they did, the *raging* sea grew calm. ¹⁶ The sailors were even more terrified of the Eternal One. They offered sacrifices to Him and made promises to Him.
- ¹⁷ The Eternal *didn't let Jonah die*. He chose a large fish to swallow Jonah; for three days and three nights *the prophet* Jonah sat *safely* inside the belly of this fish.

Gospel: Matthew 12:38-40

P The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to [*Jesus*], “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.”

³⁹But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day *When the Storms of Life Are Raging*
(Stand by Me)

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea;
Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
When the hosts of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.

In the midst of persecution, stand by me;
In the midst of persecution, stand by me;
When my foes in battle array undertake to stop my way,
Thou who saved Jonah from the fish, stand by me.

Prayers of the People

P Beloved, let us lift prayers to our friend, Jesus, either out loud or in silence. Before and after we pray, we sing together.

Prayer Song

You Are My Hiding Place

W&P160

You are my hiding place;
you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid I will trust in you,
I will trust in you.
Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

The prayers conclude with:

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C Amen.

The Prayer Song is repeated at the conclusion of our prayers.

You are my hiding place;
you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid I will trust in you,
I will trust in you.
Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord,
I will trust in you."

❧ MEAL ❧

Sharing Our Gifts

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Our offerings support the work of the church here and around the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at www.oslc-warrenton.org by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage. Thank you!

Offertory

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

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**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Open to the seed of Your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on Your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

Offering Prayer

**L Let us pray together.
C Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the
feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and
strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.**

Dialogue

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

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen

Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Savior taught us.

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.

Sharing Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.

Communion Song

For Your Glory

There is a time to live, there is a time to die.
There is a time to laugh, there is a time to cry.
There is a time to dance, a time for joy's embrace,
And in all seasons, God we humbly seek Your face.

Pre-Chorus:

This is our offering to You, this is our offering.

Chorus:

Ev'rything I am is for Your glory, ev'rything I am for You, Lord,
Ev'rything I am is for Your glory, ev'rything I am for You, Lord.

There is a time to sow, there is a time to reap.
A time for victory, a time to claim defeat.
A time to be renewed, a time to be reborn.
And in all seasons, God we bow before Your throne.

The earth stands still without You.
We could only move because You made us to.
The world is nothing without You.
We could only love because You made us to.

(Chorus)

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

Blessing

L The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song

I Will Call Upon the Lord

W&P 70

I will call upon the Lord (echo)
Who is worthy to be praised. (echo)
So shall I be saved from my enemies. (echo)
I will call upon the Lord.

Refrain:

The Lord liveth, and blessed be my Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be my Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

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