# A Service of Holy Communion with the Rite of Installation for The Rev. Dr. Olga-Maria Cruz



Come, Holy Spirit
Fill the hearts of your faithful
Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Grace Lutheran Church 745 South Ingraham Avenue Lakeland, Florida 33801

June 8, 2025 3:00 p.m.

We welcome all God's children, whatever your age, the color of your skin, the contents of your wallet, no matter whom you love, how you speak, and whatever your abilities or disabilities; for in Christ Jesus, all are reconciled to God. We pray this time of worship will encourage, inspire, challenge, and strengthen all.

The people of Grace Lutheran are delighted that you are here today as we celebrate the beginning of our mutual ministry with our new pastor, The Reverend Doctor Olga-Maria Cruz. We are grateful for the support of our Florida-Bahamas Synod – for their leadership and guidance throughout the call process.

**Open Communion** is our practice. All baptized Christians are welcome as Jesus, the host, invites us to experience his real presence in, with, and under the bread and wine. Anyone not receiving communion may come forward for a pastoral blessing; please cross your arms over your chest. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

**Directions for Holy Communion:** Please form a single line in the center aisle as the ushers direct you. After receiving the bread, please step outwards to either side to the first chalice for drinking or the second chalice for intinction (dipping your bread). If you desire to receive communion in your pew, please alert an usher.

Please join us for a reception in the fellowship hall following today's service.

Restrooms are located on the front patio and in the fellowship hall.

**Pastor Olga-Maria** offers deep thanks to Bishop Pedro Suárez, Rev. Dr. Carlos Ham, Rev. Nicole Eastwood, the Florida-Bahamas Synod staff, and the call committee and council of Grace Lutheran Church, along with all who have worked together to make this a joyful and holy day for our congregation and the Lakeland community. *Soli Deo Gloria—to God alone be the glory*.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

## + GATHERING +

#### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Grace Worship Band

A New Hallelujah

Michael W. Smith

You Are My All in All

Dennis Jernigan

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton, Tomlin, & Giglio

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Sandra Eithun

Grace Bells

#### WELCOME

## **PRELUDE**

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Albin C. Whitworth

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We stand and turn to face the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of  $\pm$  the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness,

and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

## **GATHERING HYMN**

# God of Grace and God of Glory

**ELW 705** 



- God of grace and God of glo - ry, your peo - ple on
- 2 Lo! The hosts of e vil round us scorn the Christ, as -3 Cure your chil - dren's war ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
- 4 Save us from weak res ig na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; sail his ways! your con - trol; we de - plore;

crown your an cient From the fears that shame our wan ton, let the gift of

chur - ch's sto - ry; long have bound us self ish glad - ness, your sal va - tion



bring its bud to free our hearts to rich in things and our glo - ry

poor in soul. ev - er - more.

glo-rious flow'r. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the liv - ing of these days, we miss your king-dom's goal, serv - ing you whom we a - dore,

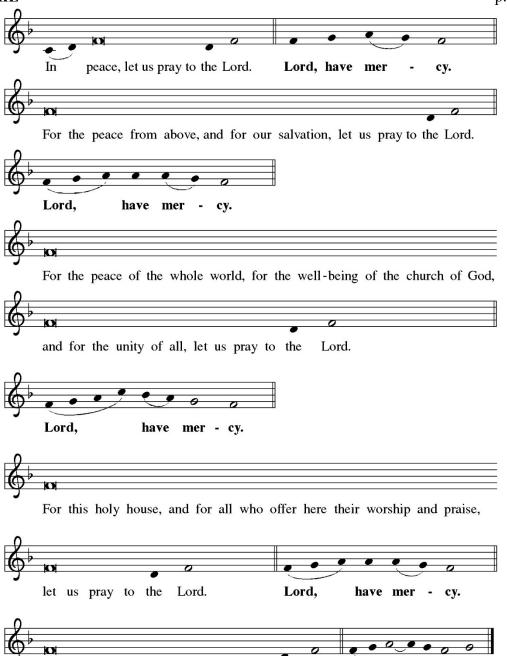
for the fac - ing of this hour. the liv - ing for of these days. lest we miss your king-dom's goal. serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

# **GREETING**

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.

**KYRIE** p. 138



men.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A





# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors 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 Lord. **Amen.** 

# +WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

The reading concludes:
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM 122**

## **Psalm Refrain**



# **Psalm Tone**



<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they | said to me, "Let us go to the house | of the LORD."

Now our | feet are standing within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built | as a city that is at unity | with itself;

\*to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the L<sub>ORD</sub> . R

For there are the | thrones of judgment, the thrones of the | house of David.

Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:

"May they pros- | per who love you.

Peace be with- | in your walls and quietness with- | in your towers.

For the sake of my kindred | and companions, I pray for | your prosperity.

Because of the house of the | LORD our God, I will seek to | do you good." R

## **SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

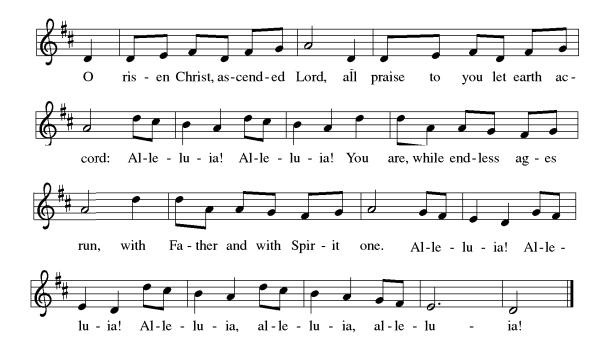
The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Congregation sings Gospel Acclamation for Gospel procession and return.



# GOSPEL: Mark 4:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 

Bishop Pedro Suárez



## STATEMENT OF OUR FAITH

With the Church across all time and in all places, we confess our faith using the words of 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.

# + RITE OF INSTALLATION +

#### **PRESENTATION**

The assembly stands.

Bishop Suárez addresses the assembly.

As we are gathered for the installation of The Rev. Dr. Olga-Maria Cruz, our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lakeland, Florida, I now ask for certification of this call.

# Congregation President

After prayerful deliberation, we, of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, have called The Rev. Dr. Olga-Maria Cruz as pastor. I present her and this letter certifying the call.

The assembly is seated.

## ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

# A reading from John 20:21-23:

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."

# A reading from Matthew 28:18-20:

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."

# A reading from 1 Timothy 4:12-16:

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 the teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

# Bishop Suárez

Olga-Maria, a servant of Christ and God's people, 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?

# I will, and I ask God to help and guide 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?

# I will, and I ask God to help and guide 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 and guide me.

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

# I will, and I ask God to help and guide 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.

People of God, will you receive Pastor Cruz as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

# We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her 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 and guide us.

Olga-Maria, the office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

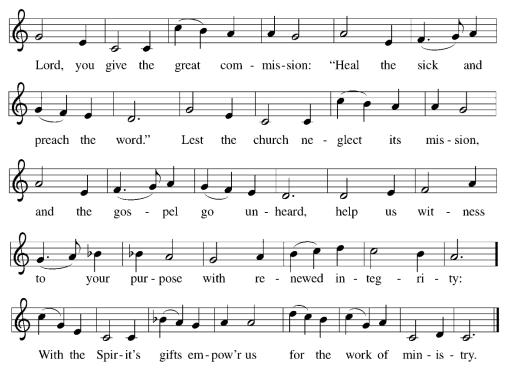
## BLESSING

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.

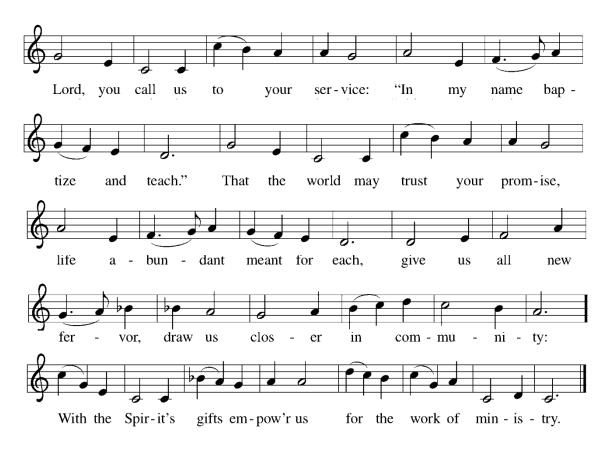
Amen.

# **PRESENTATION**

Pastor Cruz stands and is escorted to the places where the word is proclaimed and sacraments are administered.

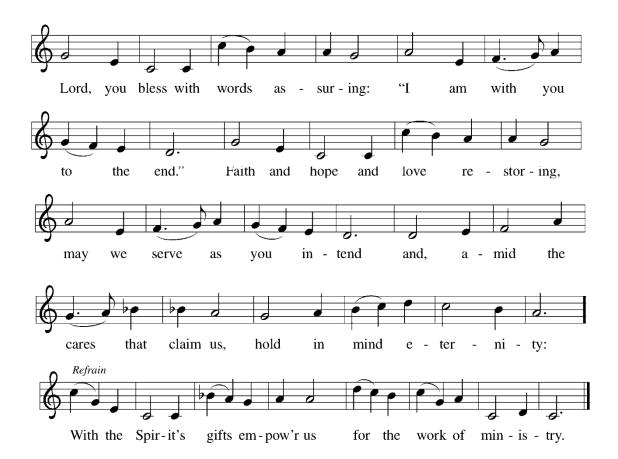


At the baptismal font, representatives of the congregation say: You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

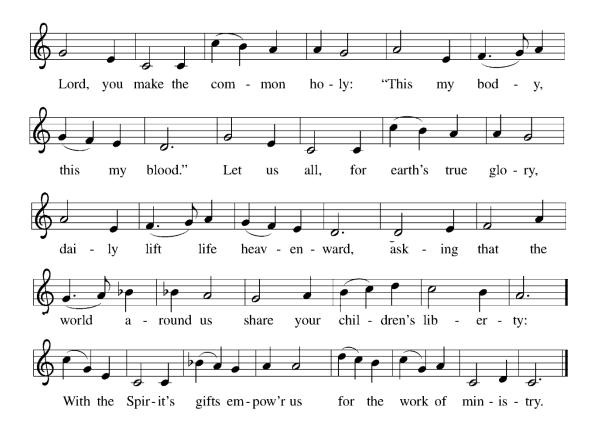


At the pulpit, a representative of the congregation; says:

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news of the Gospel.



At the table, a representative of the congregation says: You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's Supper.



# Bishop Suárez

Pastor Cruz, I commend to your love and care the people of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. My brothers and sisters in Christ at Grace Lutheran Church, I commend to your love and care your new pastor, colleague, and friend, Pastor Olga-Maria.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition concludes with, "Hear us, O God." The assembly respnds, "Your mercy is great."

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

# + MEAL +

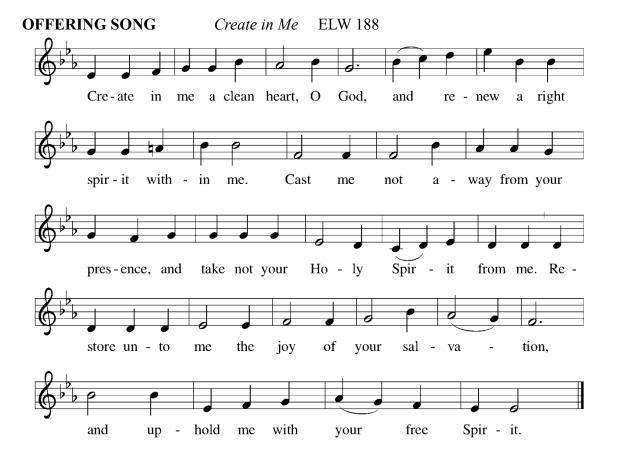
## **OFFERING**

Today's offering will be given to the Florida-Bahamas Synod Disaster Response fund.

OFFERTORY

Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace
St. Francis of Assisi / Mary McDonald

Grace Choir



# **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

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The Lord be with you. And also with you.

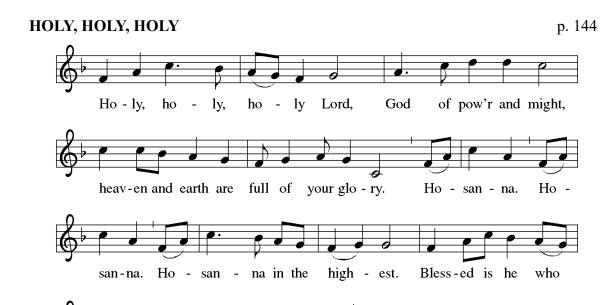
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

comes in

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.

the name of the Lord.

In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

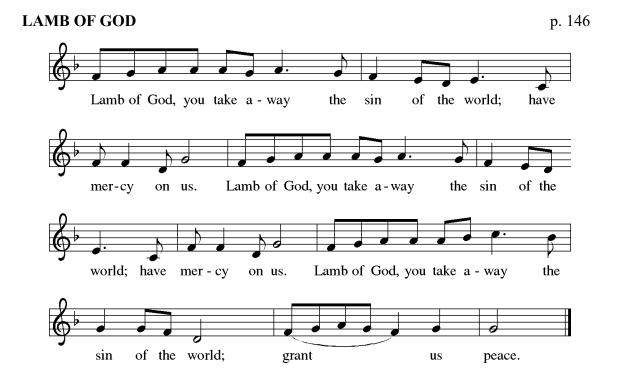
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.** 

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

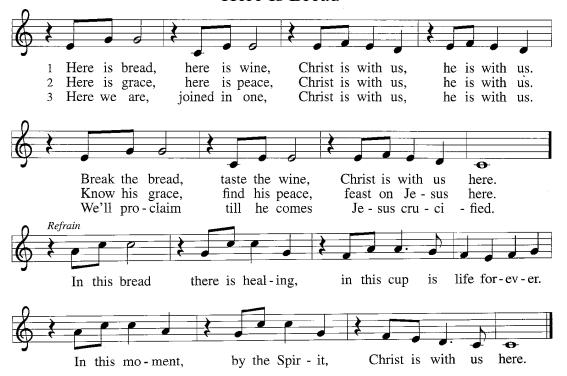
Please form a single line in the center aisle as the ushers invite you forward. After receiving the bread, you may step to either side to receive from the first chalice (to drink) or the second chalice (to dip the bread). Once everyone has come forward, we will bring communion to anyone who remains seated—just give a wave or let an usher know.



# MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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# Here Is Bread



# Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



## Bread of Life from Heaven



#### BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

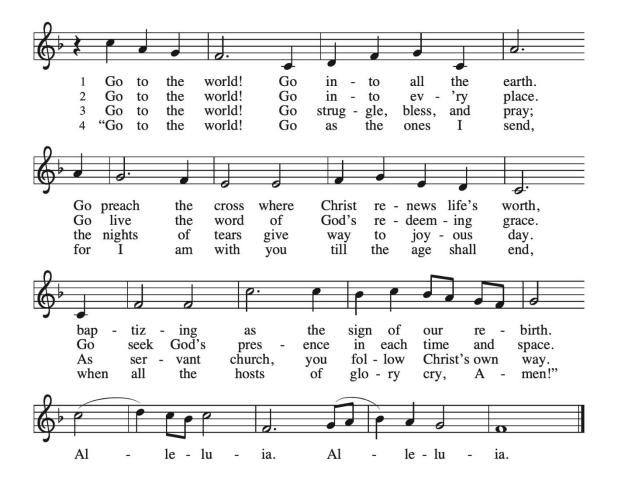
Let us pray.

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN Go to the World ACS 991



## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

# POSTLUDE The Church's One Foundation

arr. Don Hustad

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