



**Joint Worship to Celebrate the Joint Venture  
50 Years Together: A Year of Jubilee  
October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
10:00am**

# + THE WORD OF GOD +

*The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.*

## GATHERING

**Prelude**                      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*                      Lloyd Larson (b. 1954)  
Joe Sabia, trumpet

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Introit**                              *We Walk in Love*                      Deanna Witkowski (b. 1971)

We walk in love united by purpose.  
We join our hands and lift up one voice.  
We speak for truth with strength and compassion  
Resounding with hope, with courage and joy.

## Call to Worship

God's people have answered God's call in faith.  
**In faith we assemble for this Sabbath celebration.**

God's providence has shown fulfillment in our history.  
**In Jesus Christ and through the waters of our baptism God's promises find fulfillment.**

In faith and fulfillment we celebrate our spiritual heritage.  
**In faith and fulfillment we venture forward into the future with hope.**

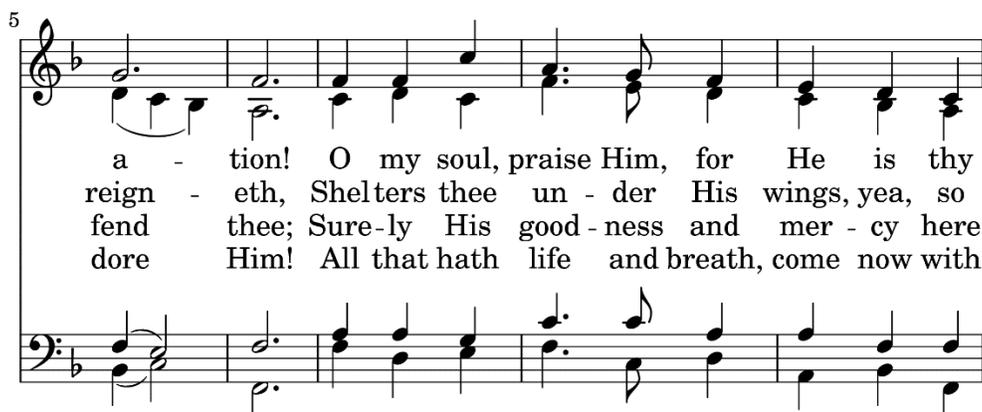
# Entrance Hymn

# LOBE DEN HERREN

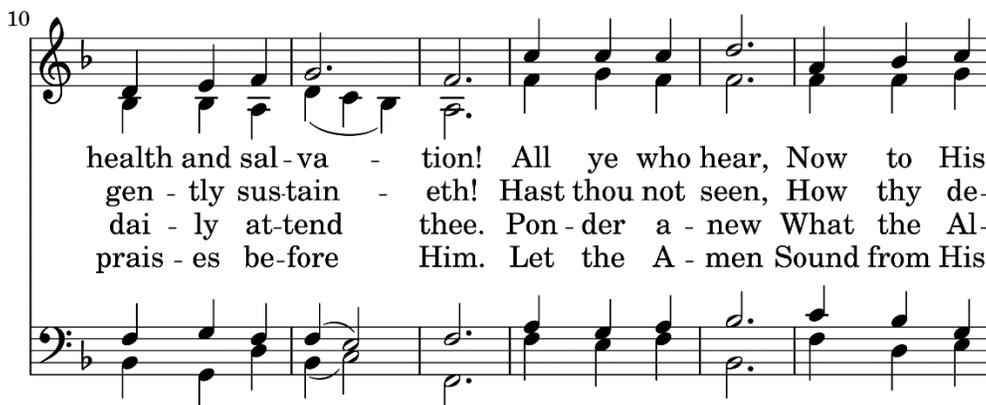
## “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”



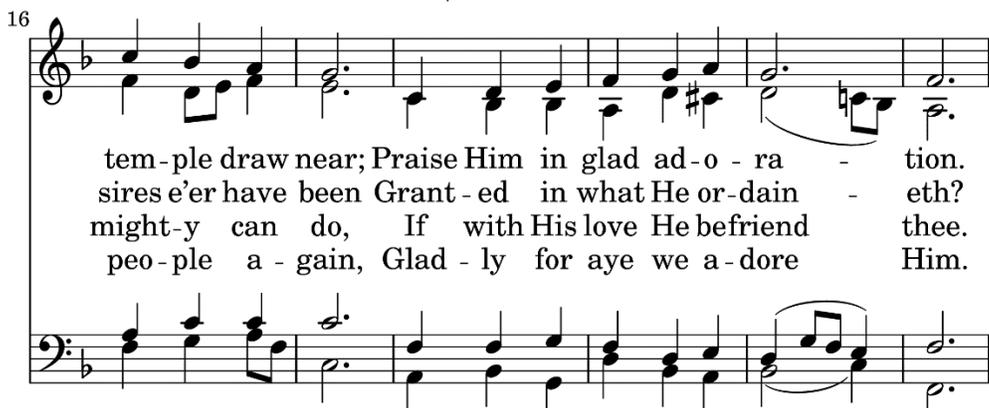
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-  
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a -



5 a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy  
reign - eth, Shelters thee un - der His wings, yea, so  
fend thee; Sure-ly His good-ness and mer - cy here  
dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



10 health and sal-va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His  
gen - tly sustain - eth! Hast thou not seen, How thy de-  
dai - ly at-tend thee. Pon-der a - new What the Al-  
prais - es be-fore Him. Let the A - men Sound from His



16 tem-ple draw near; Praise Him in glad ad-o - ra - tion.  
sires e'er have been Grant-ed in what He or-dain - eth?  
might-y can do, If with His love He befriend thee.  
peo-ple a - gain, Glad - ly for aye we a-dore Him.

## The Confession

*Then the Officiant says* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. The people may stand or kneel.*

*Officiant and People say together*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*The People remain standing.*

# Gloria – S280

*Sung by all*

*setting by Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*The congregation may be seated.*

## Prayer Offering from Joint Church School (K-7)

**God, you created heaven** *(reach up)* **and earth,** *(reach down)*  
**sun, moon and stars,** *(open and close hands like flashing stars)*  
**rivers, lakes, and oceans,** *(use hand to make "wave" motion)*  
**flowers, ferns, and fir trees,** *(start with hands together and then move them up as if growing)*  
**sunfish, salmon, and sharks,** *(palms together, move hands back and forth like a fish)*  
**butterflies, blue jays, and bees** *(flap arms like wings)*  
**kangaroos, rabbits, and grasshoppers,** *(jump in place)*  
**babies, children, teens, grownups and all people.** *(Wave.)*  
**Praise God! Amen.** *(Joyfully wave arms overhead as we walk to church school.)*

*Children in Pre-K – 7<sup>th</sup> Grades proceed to their Church School classes.*

## PROCLAIMING

### The First Reading

### Leviticus 25:8-12

You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 133

*The people read the portions in bold.*

<sup>1</sup> How very good and pleasant it is  
**when kindred live together in unity!**

<sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
**on the beard of Aaron,**  
**running down over the collar of his robes.**

<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
**For there the Lord ordained his blessing,**  
**life for evermore.**

## The Second Reading

Isaiah 61

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of  
our God; to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead  
of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,  
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;  
but you shall be called priests of the Lord,  
you shall be named ministers of our God;  
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory.  
Because their shame was double, and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot,  
therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

# Sequence Hymn

# ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

“We all are one in mission”

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in  
2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be

4 call, our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by  
name. Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our  
heard. Now let us be a ves - sel for

7 Christ, the Lord of all. A sin - gle, great com -  
pur - pose is the same: to touch the lives of  
God's re - deem - ing word. We all are one in

10 mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove to plan and work to -  
oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace, so ev - ery folk and  
mis - sion; we all are one in call, our var - ied gifts u -

14 geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:16-21

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

**The Rev. Marissa S. Rohrbach**

**The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Weenink**

## Offertory

*Locus iste*

Anton Bruckner (1824–96)

Locus iste a Deo factus est,  
inaestimabile sacramentum,  
irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God,  
a priceless sacrament;  
it is without reproach.

## RESPONDING

### **The Nicene Creed**

*All standing, the Officiant and People say together*

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

Let us thank God that, because we are all made in God's image, it is possible for all to be united. Let us thank God for the special unity which those who are new creates in Christ Jesus can enjoy. Let us ask God to forgive the sin that has destroyed the unity he intended for humanity. Lord of mercy:

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Let us thank God for the growth understanding between Christians of different outlooks and traditions. Let us thank God for the growth in unity of our local churches, especially between St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and Wilton Presbyterian Church. Let us pray that we may grow together in truth and love. Lord of mercy:

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Let us pray that we may learn from Christians of other traditions. Let us pray that they may learn from us. May they and we remember that Jesus prayed for us to be sanctified in truth before he prayed for us to be one. May God so guide us that we might seek unity through the truth. Lord of mercy:

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Let us pray for our own churches, for Wilton Presbyterian and for St. Matthew's, that we and all our members may be filled with the spirit of faith, hope, and love, and so attain to that unity which will lead people to acknowledge the truth of the Gospel. We remember those who have asked for our prayers. Lord of mercy:

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for those within our number who are in need of the care and grace of God. Especially for those who have asked for our prayers Brandon Bone, Jonathan & Jeanne Brown, Carole Southall-Telyan. Lord of mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray also for those who have died, especially Gene Lockhart, uncle of Jennifer Kepner. We commend them to your eternal care. Lord of mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We thank you Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the life of Ann P. McKendry, in whose memory the altar flowers are given by her family. Lord of mercy:

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our local community in Wilton and the surrounding towns. Let us pray for greater unity between its various sections, interests, races, and age-groups. Let us ask God to help us serve this community in which we live and work, to heal divisions, to dismantle injustice, and to build God's kingdom now. Lord of mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the unity of our country, for a greater understanding and sympathy between people: between the young and those who are older, between employers and those they employ, between migrant workers and their host communities, between those who are privileged and those who are marginalized, and between the Church and those who do not share our faith. Lord of mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Let us pray for the unity of the world, for reconciliation, for peace and compassion between rich and poor, white and people of color, followers of one religion and another, and nations which have long been embattled against each other.

Lord of mercy:

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Finally, let us give thanks for this Joint Venture; for the vision that helped to create and found it. Let us give thanks for all the clergy and people who have participated in this partnership, for all that has been shared, for the good that has been done. Let us ask God to bless us as we make our way into the second fifty years. Strengthen us, Gracious God, to do your will in all that we undertake, that we, trusting in your goodness, may be a beacon of your love to all who visit here, to all who worship here, and to all we meet when we leave this place. Lord of mercy:

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

*Intercessor*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you”: Regard not our sins but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# SENDING

## Dismissal Hymn

AURELIA

“The Church’s one foundation”

1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o’er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, “How long?”  
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

## Announcements

*The Officiant offers the dismissal to which the people respond,*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Benediction

Peter C. Lutkin (1858–1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you;  
And give you peace,  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you.  
Amen.

## Postlude

*Festival Fanfare*

David Blackwell (b. 1961)

## Worship Leaders

*Officiants* The Rev. Marissa S. Rohrbach, The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Weenink

*Lectors* Sharon Pearson, Bryan Campbell, Dee King

*Intercessors* Beth Baker, Adair Garis

*Musicians* Andrew Leslie Cooper, Zachary Wright

*Choirs* St. Matthew's & Wilton Presbyterian Church Choirs



Today's altar flowers are given in memory of Ann P. McKendry by her family and in recognition and celebration of the WEPCO 50-year joint venture, by Sandy Muschler.

WEPCO and the churches serve the local community by making space available to a number of different not-for-profit organizations, including a service provider to adults and children with special needs, a preschool, two local Boy Scout and Cub Scout units, Kiwanis and two different AA groups. Managed by a Board of dedicated volunteers from both parishes, WEPCO is also responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the facility complex.

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## **Wi-ACT's Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packaging Event Day: Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Help the Wilton Interfaith Action Committee (WI-ACT) feed many malnourished children for an entire year wherever in the world the need is greatest. The packaging will be done right here at the WEPCO Church Complex. You can go to the registration website found on our churches' websites to select your shift of 9-11 am, 11-1 pm, 1-3 pm, or 3-5 pm.

To insure safety for everyone, please note these specific COVID protocols for the Event: All volunteers must be fully vaccinated and bring to the Event vaccination cards AND evidence of negative COVID test results within 72 hours before October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone will wear masks, the number of volunteers in each workspace (there will be three packaging floors this year, not just one) will be limited to 25, and the workspaces will be fully sanitized between shifts. Children under 12 unfortunately cannot volunteer this year; we will really miss them and are looking forward to their return to the work next year.

Waveny will be administering free rapid antigen tests at WEPCO on Friday afternoon, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12 to 4 pm for all volunteers who would like to take advantage of that. Testing can also be done at CVS drive-through locations including in Norwalk, among other pharmacy locations; but if you do that please have your test done) by Wednesday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> so that you can have the results back in time.

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## **A socially distant WEPCO workday!**

Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> (rain date November 13<sup>th</sup>) from 9:00am to Noon.

We will work in family groups with masks and gardening tools to help ready the church campus for the winter. Wave to your fellow parishioners but do not work side-by-side! Spend some time outdoors and visit the WPC Memorial Garden and St. Matthew's outdoor sanctuary. Questions? Please contact Berta Hull at [bertahull@gmail.com](mailto:bertahull@gmail.com) or Brian Angerame [bmangerame@gmail.com](mailto:bmangerame@gmail.com)



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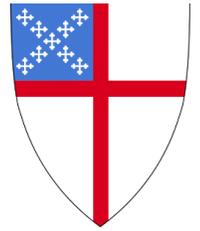
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# Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am



*Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.*

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