

GATHERING IN GOD'S WORD

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Welcome

Letting God In

During this time, we invite you to prepare your heart and your mind for worship. We want you to be able to use this quiet time to settle your thoughts, set aside any distractions that may be troubling you, and focus your whole self on God. Open your heart, your mind, and your spirit, and let God into your life.

*Centering Prayer: **Speak to me, God. I listen.***

As you breathe in, pray, "Speak to me, God."

As you breathe out, pray, "I listen."

* Opening Praise (based on Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: Let my whole being praise the Lord!

One: I will praise the Lord with all my life.

Many: I will sing praises to God as long as I live.

One: Praise the Lord!

Many Let all of creation praise the Lord!

One: We will praise the Lord with all we are.

Many: We will sing praises to God forevermore.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

* Invitation to Confession

* Joining in Prayer (based on *Spill the Beans*, iss. 24, © 2017)

Lord, approachable and present, dependable and true, we come to you seeking to discover you, longing to be nourished by you, gasping for your life-giving spirit. At certain times, the complexities of life and the weight of challenge dominates our lives. We find it hard to regain a sense of calm, a feeling of peace. We search this way and that. We expend our remaining energies, trying so hard to rescue ourselves from the feelings of despair that cling to us. Lord, if only we would turn to you. If only we had the sense to rely less on ourselves and more on the source of strength that you promise. Merciful God, despite our persistent tendency to forget you, you never forget us. We are sorry for turning the other way. Today, in this moment, let us find a sign of your presence within us – a sign in the silence, a sign in the stillness.

Reveal yourself to us. *(Please take a moment for personal reflection and confession.)*

In the name of the Living Christ, we pray.

Amen.

* God's Promise of Grace

* The Peace of Christ

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

* Song of Peace: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

**Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer to Open Minds and Hearts

Scripture reading – 1 Kings 19:1-18 (from the *Common English Bible*, © 2011)

¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, how he had killed all Baal's prophets with the sword. ² Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah with this message: "May the gods do whatever they want to me if by this time tomorrow I haven't made your life like the life of one of them." ³ Elijah was terrified. He got up and ran for his life. He arrived at Beer-sheba in Judah and left his assistant there. ⁴ He himself went farther on into the desert a day's journey. He finally sat down under a solitary broom bush. He longed for his own death: "It's more than enough, LORD! Take my life because I'm no better than my ancestors." ⁵ He lay down and slept under the solitary broom bush. Then suddenly a messenger tapped him and said to him, "Get up! Eat something!" ⁶ Elijah opened his eyes and saw flatbread baked on glowing coals and a jar of water right by his head. He ate and drank, and then went back to sleep. ⁷ The LORD's messenger returned a second time and tapped him. "Get up!" the messenger said. "Eat something, because you have a difficult road ahead of you." ⁸ Elijah got up, ate and drank, and went refreshed by that food for forty days and nights until he arrived at Horeb, God's mountain. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night. The LORD's word came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ Elijah replied, "I've been very passionate for the LORD God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too!" ¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out and stand at the mountain before the LORD. The LORD is passing by." A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the LORD. But the LORD wasn't in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the LORD wasn't in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the LORD wasn't in the fire. After the fire, there was a sound. Thin. Quiet. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat. He went out and stood at the cave's entrance. A voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He said, "I've been very passionate for the LORD God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too." ¹⁵ The LORD said to him, "Go back through the desert to Damascus and anoint Hazael as king of Aram. ¹⁶ Also anoint Jehu, Nimshi's son, as king of Israel; and anoint Elisha from Abel-meholah, Shaphat's son, to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill. Whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. ¹⁸ But I have preserved those who remain in Israel, totaling seven thousand—all those whose knees haven't bowed down to Baal and whose mouths haven't kissed him."

Sermon: Wilderness (Un)Rest – Rev. Lisa Johnson

Hymn #410 – God Is Calling through the Whisper
(from *Glory to God*, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press)

God is calling through the whisper
Of the sparrow's deepest sighs,
Through the thrill of sudden beauties
That can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder;
Hush of sillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling – can you hear?
God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the voice

Of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
Through their longing for redemption
And for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing;
Strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling – can you hear?
God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the music
Of sublime and human arts,
Through the hymns of earth and angels,
And the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing;
Days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling – and we hear!
God is calling – and we hear!

All Saints' Remembrance

Time for Silent Remembrance
A Litany for All Saints (*see insert*)
Hymn #326 – For All the Saints (verses 1 and 3)
(from *Glory to God*, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press)

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayers of the People Pastoral Prayer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating the Lord's Supper – *Our tradition in this congregation is to partake of the bread whenever you feel prepared to do so and to hold the wine/juice until all have been served so that we can all partake together. This gives us the chance to participate in this holy mystery as we participate in our faith – both as individuals and as a community.*

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

Lord's Prayer (*from one of our confirmation mentors*): **Dear One in heaven, blessed is your name. Your power come, your desire be done on earth as it is in heaven. Grant us today our necessary bread. And release our sins as we release those who sin against us. Don't bring us into trouble, but rescue us from wickedness. For the reign, the power, and the splendor are yours, forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #501 – Feed Us, Lord

(from *Glory to God*, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press)

Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord.

In this broken bread,

Be revealed again.

Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.

Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord.

On this thirsty ground,

May your love flow down.

Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.

Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord,

With the bread and wine

Of the risen Christ.

Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.

Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord,

Nourished here by Christ,

Given strength for life.

Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Prayer of Gratitude and Blessing

Our offering plates are located at the entrance to the sanctuary. This offering allows us to continue our outreach and mission both here in the community of Oronoco and beyond – in the greater Rochester area, in Minnesota, and even around the world. We are grateful for your willingness to join us in this mission and thank you for your generosity.

Announcements

BEING SENT OUT IN GOD'S WORD

* Charge & Benediction

** indicates please rise in body or spirit as you are able*