

GATHERING IN GOD'S WORD

Prelude

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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: **Teach me humility and love, Jesus who knelt.***

As you breathe in, pray, "Teach me humility and love."

As you breathe out, pray, "Jesus who knelt."

* Opening Praise:

One: We come to God as we are:

Many: Road-worn and weary.

One: We come to God as we are:

Many: With calloused and dusty feet, calloused and dusty souls.

One: We come to God as we are:

Many: Seeking to be welcomed, seeking to be cleansed.

One: And Jesus says,

Many: "Come to me."

One: And Jesus says,

Many: "I will serve you."

One: And Jesus says,

Many: "You have a place with me.

ALL: Just as I have done, you also must do."

Sacred Space for Sacred Story

Throughout Lent this year, we're focusing on Story: on God's story, our own stories, and the ways God's story lifts up and inspires our own. Each week, we're going to spend some time holding sacred space for each next question and phase of putting that story together. It's time you can spend thinking, praying, and writing on your testimony so far or on what may come next. You're also invited to share (if you so choose) what has developed with your story so far.

3rd Sunday of Lent: Present the Problem

Sacred Space: **Using your one pivotal moment, spent time detailing the problem/challenge you were facing.**

Prayer

Hymn #455 – Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

Listen to the word that God has spoken;

Listen to the One who is close at hand;

Listen to the voice that began creation;

Listen even if you don't understand.

* Invitation to Confession

* Joining in Prayer (based on *Spill the Beans*, iss. 26, © 2018 Spill the Beans Resource Team):

Servant God, we adore you for the way you modeled real love for us in word and in action. We praise you for showing us time and time again just how we should love one another. We give thanks for the humility with which you practiced ministry. And yet ... and yet. Your absolute clarity, your uncompromising example make it so difficult for us to pretend that we do not know how we should live in love. You leave us no room for misunderstanding. You were very clear in your command that we should put others before ourselves and become the servants of others. And oh, how that is hard for us. We don't like not getting our place. We don't like not being first. We don't like being servants. And we often find it hard to love others – so, so hard. So as we journey through Lent, God, turn us again to your example. Help us to soak up your teaching and your modeling. And then help us to imitate you in our love and service of one another. (*Please take a moment for silent reflection and confession.*)

In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray.

Amen.

* God's Promise of Grace

* Song of Peace: "Come and Fill Our Hearts With Your Peace" (sing through 3 times) (insert)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Ho – ly One!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer to Open Minds and Hearts

Scripture reading – John 13:1-17 (from the *Common English Bible*, © 2011)

¹ Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully. ² Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. ⁴ So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. ⁶ When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later." ⁸ "No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus responded, "Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ He knew who would betray him. That's why he said, "Not every one of you is clean." ¹² After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you?" ¹³ You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. ¹⁴ If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. ¹⁶ I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

Sermon: "Testimony is Hospitable" – Rev. Lisa Johnson

Hymn #203 – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;

Show us how to serve

The neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,

Silently washes their feet,

Master who acts as a slave to them.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
Varied in color and race;
Neighbors are near and far away.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve;
These are the ones we should love;
All these are neighbors to us and you.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees,
Willing to wash others' feet;
This is the way we should live like you.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from you.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Coming Together in Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

Hymn #729 – Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian
In my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian
In my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian
In my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving
In my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving
In my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving
In my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy
In my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy

In my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy
In my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
In my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
In my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to

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 & Blessing

Postlude

** indicates please rise in body or spirit as you feel led*