

GATHERING IN GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Sharing Our Lives in Prayer

Prayer Requests

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Accompanist – Zara Boon

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: **Open my eyes, God beyond expectations.***

As you breathe in, pray, "Open my eyes."

As you breathe out, pray, "God beyond expectations."

* Opening Praise (based on Psalm 29):

One: You, divine beings! Give to the Lord:

Many: Give honor and blessing, give prayer and thanksgiving.

One: You, treasured guests! Give to the Lord:

Many: Give love and devotion, give loyalty and a willing heart.

One: You, children of God! Give to the Lord:

Many: Give the glory due God's name – glory and holy splendor.

One: You, people of the Most High God! Give to the Lord:

Many: Give all that you were and all that you are,

One: Give all that you hope for and all that you seek,

Many: Give all that you fear and all that you have failed.

One: Give to the Lord,

ALL: And let the Lord bless all the people with peace.

* Invitation to Confession

* Joining in Prayer (based on *Spill the Beans*, iss. 25, © 2017):

God of the unexpected, we gather here in your presence, coming to offer our best to you – not our sense of duty or rote words, but our whole selves. God of unimaginable expectations, we are glad to come together in this place today – to remember all that you have done for us and continue to do for us. Your generosity brims over into every aspect of our lives. Forgive us, Lord, for those times when we are selfish and greedy, when we forget who gives us all that we have and all that we need. Forgive us, Lord, for those times when we choose not to share all that we have in the face of others' need. Remind us of your overflowing generosity and the generosity shown by your Son, Jesus, help us to follow in his footsteps today and every day. *(Please take a moment for silent reflection and confession.)*

Through Jesus, the Christ-child, born anew in our hearts each day, we pray.

Amen.

* God's Promise of Grace

* 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 – John 2:1-11 (from the *Common English Bible*, © 2011)

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and ² Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. ³ When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine." ⁴ Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn't come yet." ⁵ His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter," and they did. ⁹ The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. The headwaiter called the groom ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon: "Expecting the Unexpected" – Rev. Lisa Johnson

Hymn #543 – God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (O Christ, Surround Me)
(from *Glory to God*, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press)

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
Great cloud of witnesses enfold;
Prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
Flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
Depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey,
Going ahead to light my way,
And from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,

Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

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 #658 – God is So Good

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

God is so good;
God is so good;
God is so good;
God's so good to me.

God cares for me;
God cares for me;
God cares for me;
God's so good to me.

God loves me so;
God loves me so;
God loves me so;
God's so good to me.

God is so good;
God is so good;
God is so good;
God's so good to me.

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*