

## GATHERING IN GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Sharing Our Lives in Prayer

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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: I come to worship, God. I come to worship.**

*As you breathe in, pray, "I come to worship, God."*

*As you breathe out, pray, "I come to worship."*

\* Opening Praise (from 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 praise the Lord with all my heart.**

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

**Many: I will praise the Lord with all my strength.**

One: I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

**Many: I will sing praises to my God with every breath.**

One: I will sing praises to my God forever and always.

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

\* Invitation to Confession

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

**Wise and wonderful God, thank you for this house of prayer – a place where we can gather to worship you, a place where we can sing and pray, a place where we can listen and wonder at your word, and respond to your call to follow your son, Jesus. Lord, there are many places of worship: sweeping cathedrals and tiny chapels but also majestic mountaintops and deep forests and sandy shorelines. Wherever we gather to worship you becomes a holy place. Lord, we are sorry for trying to confine you to one place, for trying to control where you can be worshipped. Lord, we are sorry that too often we come to worship out of a sense of duty rather than humble reverence before you. Forgive us, O Lord. As you have promised, restore us and renew us. Remind us that we can worship you anywhere at anytime, wherever our heart desires, and that when we do, you receive it all. Lord, may our worship this day be worthy of all that you are and all that you offer to us. (Please take a moment for silent reflection and confession.)**

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, 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 5:1-5; 8:1-13 (from the *Common English Bible*, © 2011)

<sup>1</sup> Because King Hiram of Tyre was loyal to David throughout his rule, Hiram sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that Solomon had become king after his father. <sup>2</sup> Solomon sent the following message to Hiram: <sup>3</sup> "You know that my father David wasn't able to build a temple for the name of the LORD my God. This was because of the enemies that fought him on all sides until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. <sup>4</sup> Now the LORD my God has given me peace on every side, without enemies or misfortune. <sup>5</sup> So I'm planning to build a temple for the name of the LORD my God, just as the LORD indicated to my father David, 'I will give you a son to follow you on your throne. He will build the temple for my name.' ... <sup>8:1</sup> Then Solomon assembled Israel's elders, all the tribal leaders, and the chiefs of Israel's clans at Jerusalem to bring up the chest containing the LORD's covenant from David's City Zion. <sup>2</sup> Everyone in Israel assembled before King Solomon in the seventh month, the month of Ethanim, during the festival. <sup>3</sup> When all of Israel's elders had arrived, the priests picked up the chest. <sup>4</sup> They brought the LORD's chest, the meeting tent, and all the holy equipment that was in the tent. The priests and the Levites brought them up, <sup>5</sup> while King Solomon and the entire Israelite assembly that had joined him before the chest sacrificed countless sheep and oxen. <sup>6</sup> The priests brought the chest containing the LORD's covenant to its designated spot beneath the wings of the winged creatures in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the most holy place. <sup>7</sup> The winged creatures spread their wings over the place where the chest rested, covering the chest and its carrying poles. <sup>8</sup> The carrying poles were so long that their tips could be seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary, though they weren't visible from outside. They are still there today. <sup>9</sup> Nothing was in the chest except the two stone tablets Moses had placed there while at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites after they left Egypt. <sup>10</sup> When the priests left the holy place, the cloud filled the LORD's temple, <sup>11</sup> and the priests were unable to carry out their duties due to the cloud because the LORD's glory filled the LORD's temple. <sup>12</sup> Then Solomon said, "The LORD said that he would live in a dark cloud, <sup>13</sup> but I have indeed built you a lofty temple as a place where you can live forever."

Sermon: "A Holy House" – Rev. Lisa Johnson

Hymn #301 – Let Us Build a House

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

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
And all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hope and dreams and visions,  
Rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome;  
All are welcome;  
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
And words are strong and true,

Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome;  
All are welcome;  
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine, and wheat;  
A banquet hall on holy ground  
Where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
Is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome;  
All are welcome;  
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
Beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
And live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
Bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome;  
All are welcome;  
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,  
Their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
As words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
Prayer of faith and songs of grace;  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome;  
All are welcome;  
All are welcome in this place.

### 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 #328 – Praise God, All You Nations (sing through 3 times)  
(from *Glory to God*, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press)

Praise God, all you nations,  
People of God, sing praise!  
Praise God, all you nations,

People of God, sing praise:  
God's love is great  
And endures forever.  
Praise God, all you nations.  
People of God, sing praise!

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*