

GATHERING IN GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Sharing Our Lives in Prayer

Prayer Requests

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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: Inspire me with gospel joy, Holy God.

As you breathe in, pray, "Inspire me with gospel joy."

As you breathe out, pray, "Holy God."

* Opening Praise (from Psalm 45):

One: A marvelous word has stirred our hearts,

Many: And so we come to worship God!

One: We will declare God's name for always –

Many: From one Sunday to the next,

One: From one household to the next,

Many: From one generation to the next.

One: We will lift up our voices in praise and prayer!

Many: The people will praise God forever and always!

One: The people will praise God

ALL: Forever and always!

* Invitation to Confession

* Joining in Prayer:

God, sometimes faith sneaks up on us when we least expect it. Sometimes your message comes to us in unanticipated places, through people and means that we never saw come – people and means that we sometimes struggle to understand. We declare that you work in us and through us, embodying your love for the world around us in our words and actions. But too we often forget, God, that you also work in and through the people around us, embodying your love for the world in them and trying to teach us something new, something different, something essential. Keep our eyes and hearts open to all of the ways that you try to reach out to us – through people, through situations, through experiences; through the unforeseen, through the unpredictable, through the unknown. Remind us again and again that you are at work in all things and all people for the glory of your holy name. (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 – Acts 16:11-15 (from the *Common English Bible*)

¹¹ We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. ¹² From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia's first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. ¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. ¹⁴ One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. ¹⁵ Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

Sermon: "Lydia: Woman of Means and Message" – Rev. Lisa Johnson

Hymn #722 – Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak
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Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek
Your erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Your hungering ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O full me with your fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as you will, and when, and where
Until your blessed face I see,
Your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Hymn #295 – Go to the World!

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Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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*