

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: **Work in us and through us, Still-Moving God.***

As you breathe in, pray, "Work in us and through us."

As you breathe out, pray, "Still-Moving God."

* Calling Each Other to Service:

One: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

Many: Making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

One: There is one body and one Spirit,

Many: Just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,

One: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Many: One God and Father of all,

ALL: Above all, through all, in all.

Hymn #733 – We All Are One in Mission, verse 1

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

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,

Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A single, great commission compels us from above

To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

Call to Discipleship

One: We are called by God

to be the church of Jesus Christ,

a sign in the world today

of what God intends for all humankind.

**ALL: The great ends of the Church are
the proclamation of the gospel
for the salvation of humankind;
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship
of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven
to the world.**

One: The call of Christ

is to willing, dedicated discipleship.

Our discipleship is a manifestation

of the new life we enter through baptism.

Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment,
an offering and a responsibility.

* Commissioning

One: The grace bestowed upon you all in baptism
is sufficient for your calling
because it is God's grace.
By God's grace we are saved,
and enabled to grow in the faith
and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ.

God has called us all to particular service.
Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

ALL: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?

ALL: I will, with God's help.

One: Do you welcome the responsibility of this service
because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus,
to love neighbors,
and to work for the reconciling of the world?

ALL: I do.

One: Will you serve the people
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,
relying on God's mercy
and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

ALL: I will, with God's help.

Hymn #733 – We All Are One in Mission, verse 2
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We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Scripture reading – Jeremiah 1:4-10 (from the *Common English Bible*, © 2011)

⁴ The Lord's word came to me: ⁵ "Before I created you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart; I made you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ "Ah, Lord God," I said, "I don't know how to speak because I'm only a child." ⁷ The Lord responded, "Don't say, 'I'm only a child.' Where I send you, you must go; what I tell you, you must say." ⁸ Don't be afraid of them, because I'm with you to rescue you," declares the Lord. ⁹ Then the Lord stretched out his hand, touched my mouth, and said to me, "I'm putting my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ This very day I appoint you over nations and empires, to dig up and pull down, to destroy and demolish, to build and plant."

Commissioning Prayer

One: Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us, and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading each and every one of us to this time and place. Establish us in your truth and guide us by your Holy Spirit, that in your service today we may grow in faith, hope, and love and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. For those heading out to collect donations for the Oronoco Food Shelf today, we pray that you go with them in safety, in warmth, in generosity, and in strength. We thank you for the generosity of this community in all the ways they support the food shelf. And for those who are staying here to assemble kits for the Presbyterian Mission Agency, we pray that you would work through their hands with love, with hope, with

generosity, and with compassion. We thank you for the generosity of this congregation in providing all the necessary pieces of these kits.

ALL: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

* Charge & Blessing

One: May the God of peace
make you holy in every way,
and keep your whole being,
spirit, soul, and body,
free from every fault
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn #733 – We All Are One in Mission, verse 3
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Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

Postlude

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