

## GATHERING IN GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Rocky Nisbit, accompanist

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: God, be in our gathering. Be in our sharing.**

*As you breathe in, pray, "God, be in our gathering."*

*As you breathe out, pray, "Be in our sharing."*

Glimpses of God

*With the authentic stories of our lives and our days, we call each other into this time of worship together by sharing the glimpses of God that have captured our attention throughout the last week or two. If you have a way that you've noticed God – God's work, God's love, God's leading, God's presence – we invite you to come up and share it. Your story doesn't have to be eloquent. It doesn't have to be long. Your experience of God is yours to share in whatever way is most comfortable for you. We hold space for your story, and we listen with our ears and our hearts.*

One: And the Word became flesh and made his home among us,

**ALL: And still, we find God's glory everywhere, full of grace and truth.**

\* Invitation to Confession

\* Joining in Prayer (from the *Book of Common Worship*, © 2018 Westminster John Knox Press):

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.** *(Please take a moment for silent reflection and confession.)*

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

**Amen.**

\* God's Promise of Grace

\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

\* 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 Corinthians 11:17-26 (from the *Common English Bible*, © 2011)

<sup>17</sup> Now I don't praise you as I give the following instruction because when you meet together, it does more harm than good. <sup>18</sup> First of all, when you meet together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and I partly believe it. <sup>19</sup> It's necessary that there are groups among you, to make it clear who is genuine. <sup>20</sup> So when you get together in one place, it isn't to eat the Lord's meal. <sup>21</sup> Each of you goes ahead and eats a private meal. One person goes hungry while another is drunk. <sup>22</sup> Don't you have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you look down on God's churches and humiliate those who have nothing? What can I say to you? Will I praise you? No, I don't praise you in this. <sup>23</sup> I received a tradition from the Lord, which I also handed on to you: on the night on which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread. <sup>24</sup> After giving thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this to remember me." <sup>25</sup> He did the same thing with the cup, after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do this to remember me." <sup>26</sup> Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you broadcast the death of the Lord until he comes.

Sermon: "Who's Table?" – Rev. Lisa Johnson

### Exploring the Word Together

*This is a time for us to process our faith and our hearing of God's word together – a time to be the word of God for one another. It's also a time to build community with one another – a time to share elements of our faith and our understanding of that faith with each other. Feel free to participate in conversation with those around you or sit and ponder this question on your own.*

## What do you experience in the Lord's Supper?

Hymn #509 – All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Coming Together in Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

*Our tradition in this congregation is to partake of the bread whenever you feel prepared to do so and to hold the wine/juice until all have been served so that we can all partake together. This gives us the chance to participate in this holy mystery as we participate in our faith – both as individuals and as a community.*

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer for the Feast

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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #508 – Come to the Table

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

Come to the table, all you who praise God.

Laid in a stable, God's gift of love.

Jesus our Savior poured out his life's blood.

Our sins forgiven, God's gift of love.

Come eat this bread now, my broken body.

My vow remember: I am your Lord.

Drink of this wine, the cup of salvation,

For you are mine, and I am your Lord.

All is now ready, like the first table.

Pray for the Spirit; lift up your hearts.

Christ has arisen, our Lord and Savior.

With great thanksgiving, lift up your hearts.

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**

\* Blessing

\* Claiming Our Faith Identity

*This is a chance for us to remind one another of both who we are and whose we are before we head back out in the world. The hope is that, as we grow more and more familiar with the words and the claim and call that they place on our hearts, we'll be able to recall them throughout the week in those moments when we need to tap into our faith. The words and phrases are also aimed at helping us connect with our congregation's own mission statement: "We are a community of believers whose mission is to share God's Word, show God's Love, serve God's World, and strive for God's Peace."*

One: We are the Church –

**ALL: God's beloved children today, tomorrow, and always.**

One: Here, in this worship, through prayer, word, and fellowship,  
**ALL: God has embraced us yet again, and our spirits have been made new.**

One: Suffused with God's grace,  
**ALL: We claim new strength, new purpose, and new hope in our call.**

One: With spirits reaffirmed and renewed,  
**ALL: We are called to SHARE God's Word. We are called to SHOW God's Love. We are called to SERVE God's World. We are called to STRIVE for God's Peace.**

One: We are the Church  
**ALL: Because God binds us together in sacred companionship and blessed connectedness.**

One: And now, as the Church, God calls us out  
**ALL: To do and be God's extravagant love in the world.**

One: This service has ended.  
**ALL: Now our service can begin.**

Postlude

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