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WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we long to do the "right" thing. We long to make the "right" choice. We long to stand on the "right" side of the dividing line. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love. Show us how to hold our heart's desire for perfection loosely. Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else. For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you. Show us the way. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Faithful friends, God knows your heart. When you mean well and lose your way, God knows. When you try to do the right thing and miss the point, God knows. When you long to be close to God and doubt your worth, God knows. You are seen. You are loved. You are forgiven. You have been sent to serve. This is the good news of the gospel! Nothing can separate you from God's love. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME ELW #325

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MUSICAL OFFERING THE OLD RUGGED CROSS (ARR. D. MIKAT)

Piano Solo by Dr. Daniel Mikat

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM 63:1-7 (READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE)

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD W&P 129

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

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GOSPEL READING

LUKE 10:38-42

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON VICAR ALYSA OFFMAN

SONG OF THE DAY O CHRIST, YOUR HEART, COMPASSIONATE ELW #722

O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain. Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain. The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.

As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind, so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find. Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone, and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.

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O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours, that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors. We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.

O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall, whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all: come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways, whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

<u>Each petition ends with the words:</u> God, in your mercy, <u>Please respond:</u> **receive our prayer.**

Public Prayer List: Steve, Kim, Denise, Patti, Dorisann, Marilyn, Dan, Dennis, Bernice, Joyce, Xander, Jim & Laura, the family and friends of Paul Morse, Dave, Marilyn, and Liam

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY SONG TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE ELW #685

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW P. 108

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

heav'n and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER ELW P. 112

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG LAMB OF GOD ELW P. 112-113

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION SONG GLORIFY THY NAME W&P #42

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING ELW #547

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face-- our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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PURPOSE STATEMENT

We are a welcoming community of believers in Jesus Christ who witness our faith...

...by serving together, praying together, and living generously together.

BLESSING

As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle. May you know that the world is bigger than two sides. May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. So may you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone. God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between. Believe that good news, and follow Jesus in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!