

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP* (adapted from Psalm 30)

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Sing praises to the LORD, you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

For God's anger is but for a moment; the LORD's favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O LORD our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

SONG* - Build a Longer Table

1. Build a longer table,
not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger,
making room for all.
Feasting together,
stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces,
false divisions end.

2. Build a safer refuge,
not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter,
mercy will not fail.
For any place
where justice is denied.
Christ will breach the jail walls,
freeing all inside.

Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.

Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences, all are welcome here.

When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

SONG* - Cuando el pobre/When the Poor Ones

When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers, when the thirsty water give unto us all, when the weak ones in their weakness strengthen others:

Chorus:

Va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar. Va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar.

(God walks the same road with us)

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort, when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness, when we love though hate at times seems all around us:

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing, when our lips can speak no words other than true, when we know that love for simple things is better:

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance, when we learn how to make peace instead of war, when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor:

Prayer of Confession

-adapted from Discipleship Ministries (UMC)

God of Grace and Glory,
We confess that we lose sight of our identities,
finding our worth in our status,
our nationality, and our possessions.
Forgive us of our idolatry.
Forgive us for placing our worldly identities
above our shared identity as your children.
Set us free from the bondage of power and prestige,
that we may know you as the true source
of healing and life
and be open to the ways you are moving
through the most unlikely people
in the most unlikely places,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (see insert)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends believe the good news of the Gospel;

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE*
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SONG* - All of Your Ways Are Peace

1. All of your ways are peace.
All of your ways are peace.
Though we are pressed on every side,
we trust that you are peace.

3. All of your ways are just.
All of your ways are just.
Though we may say it through our tears, we trust that you are just.

2. All of your words are true.
All of your words are true.
Though we have heard so many lies, we trust your word is true.

WORD

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Kings 5:1-14

GOSPEL LESSON*

Matthew 18:1-5

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

SONG* - God of Little Things (see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER



OFFERING

Many in our community give their tithes and offerings online (rescov.org/give) and yet we believe it is still good and right to give God thanks as part of our worship. If you have offering this morning you are welcome to place it in the basket in the center aisle as we give God thanks.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

As we continue to navigate the implications of Covid we invite you to come down the center aisle, receive the bread and then proceed to the front side aisles to partake of the cup which is in individual portions. Place your empty cups in one of the baskets that can be found on the end-seats in the front rows of the side aisles.

SENDING

SONG* - Be Thou My Vision (#412 in the blue hymnal)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION*

*Stand, as you are able



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