

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

PRELUDE

CALL to WORSHIP

One: Here is a new commandment,
Jesus said: "love one another with my love."

All: Teach us to be the new thing you are doing.

One: "Here is a new way of being together,"
Jesus said: "I no longer call you servants, but friends."

All: Stir up among us the beauty of common purpose.

One: "Here is new way to see yourselves,"
Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world."

All: Call us together into the strength of our gifts.

One: "Here is a new way to see the world,"
Jesus said: "The poor, the peacemakers, the persecuted
– and even you – are blessed."

All: Make of us a blessing for this world.

HYMN – *Here In This Place*

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PRAYER of CONFESSION

**All: O God, You have made an abundant harvest possible in our lives – planting us
Like seed in the soil of relationship, shining the light of learning as we grow, with
Joy and tears to water us.**

Yet still we make choices that wither our hearts and tear the fabric of life.

**We have been better stewards of our own comforts than of the resources that
Could heal an anguished world.**

**We have been quick to blame others for failures in which we too are complicit.
Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ,
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
With whom you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS & GREETING of PEACE

One: God says to us,
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you
Christ says to us, Do not be afraid.

**All: We need not fear; we are forgiven,
We are loved, we are redeemed!**

Alleluia! Amen.

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**All: Resurrecting Lord, you conquered death
And opened the gates of life everlasting.
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
Raise us with Christ,
Open our ears and loosen our tongues
That we, too, may proclaim your love to our neighbors
And your healing to the nations. Amen**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE – Micah 6:6-8

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – *The Antithesis of Faith is Certainty*

HYMN – *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

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THE SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

One: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.
So come to this table,
You who have much faith
And you who would like to have more;
You who have been here often
And you who have not been for a while
You who have tried to follow Jesus,
And you who have failed;
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

**All: Loving God, through your goodness
We have this bread and cup to offer,
Which earth has given and
Human hands have made.
May we know your presence
In the sharing of this bread,
So that we may know your touch
In all bread, all matter.**

One: We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared
Among his community through the centuries,
And shares with us now.
Made one in Christ, and one with each other,
We offer these gifts and with them ourselves,
A single, holy, living sacrifice.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER of GREAT THANKSGIVING

**All: We offer you praise, dear God,
And hearts lifted high,
For in the communion of your love
Christ comes close to us
And we come close to Christ.
Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,
With earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.
With the angels of light who envelop us,
With all the saints before and beside us,
We join in the song of your unending greatness:**

**All: Holy, Holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Blessed is our brother Jesus,
Who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
And who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

**All: Hear us, O Christ,
And breathe your Spirit upon us,
And upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body,
Vibrant with your life,
Healing, renewing, and making us whole.**

One: And as the bread and wine
Which we eat and drink
Are changed into us,
May we be changed again into you,
Bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,
Loving and caring in the world.

We lift up all these prayers in name of the Prince of Peace
Who taught us to pray:

All: Our Father in heaven...

THE BREAKING of the BREAD & SHARING of the CUP

INSTALLATION and COMMISSIONING

HYMN – *We Are One In The Spirit*

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BLESSING

One: Go forth to live boldly,
For fear has no power over you.

**All: We will live boldly for Jesus calls us in abundant love
to serve the Kingdom of God.**

One: For just as death on a tree could not stop the Christ,

**All: So our lives in mission become witnesses to
God's great good news of the resurrection!
Alleluia! Amen!**