

ORDER OF SERVICE
Aug 6, 2017

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: To the hungry, Jesus says: “Come and eat! Delight yourselves in rich food.” To the thirsty, Jesus says: “Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price!” Everything we need is provided in Christ. Let us receive the gift of life.

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE: VU396
Jesus Stand Among Us

OPENING PRAYER

L: Wondrous and mysterious God, we give you thanks and praise for the many ways you come to us and offer us abundant life. When evening falls and we find ourselves in deserted and lonely places, we know we can count on you to provide for our needs. Your grace makes the poor rich, the hungry satisfied, and the weak strong; your grace empowers the dying to live and the despairing to find hope; and so we worship you as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: As we gather to worship you, we are aware that we have fallen short of the life you desire for us. **Through Christ you show us the way of compassion, generosity and forgiveness. Yet, we continue to neglect the suffering of others. We blame and judge in the very moments we are**

called to act with kindness and mercy. We fearfully hold on to what we own, rather than share our blessings with others. We choose to nurture old wounds instead of letting go and offering forgiveness. Help us to be free of greed and the desire for self-preservation. Open our hearts so that we may embody your teachings and way of life. In the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PSALM 24 (read alternately)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN MV 122
This is the Day (*Children are invited to come forward*)

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Let us present our tithes and offering according to the blessing that we have received.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN VU541 Praise God From Whom All Blessings

OFFERTORY DEDICATION

L: We thank you O Lord for sources of income, for the strength to do our passion and earn a living. Receive this offering for the sake of those who have no source, have not strength and do not earn. Guide us as we seek to faithfully use it to continue your ministry in this community. AMEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - VU400
Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

L: O God, we praise you! We give you thanks for your goodness, your blessings, and your patience. By your grace, welcome us to your feast so that we may receive your abundant love and be nourished by your goodness.

P: While we are aware of our own needs today, you remind us that others in our church, our community, and our world are experiencing greater struggles. And so we lift up our prayers for those in need around us, asking for your blessing and your help as we seek to do our part to bring comfort, healing, and hope.

L: We pray for those who are sick, that they may have the medical assistance they need and the gift of healing in body, mind, and spirit.

P: We pray for those who are grieving, that they may experience the comforting peace of your presence and find hope in your promises.

L: We pray for those who are hungry, homeless, or experiencing the stress and uncertainty of poverty. Give those with more resources the confidence to share generously.

P: We pray for those who seek to show hospitality to others in their homes, in their workplaces and in the church, that their generosity inspire will others and be multiplied.

L: We pray for those who work in prisons, especially for chaplains and volunteers who bring your word of love and grace to those who have been convicted, that their ministries be fruitful and bring about the reconciliation you desire in all people’s lives.

P: We give you thanks that in the midst of our daily challenge to follow the way of Jesus, you gather us in and nourish us with heavenly gifts. Because you are our helper, we will not be afraid. Thanks be to you, our loving and gracious God. Amen.

L: And now hear our prayers for situations near and dear to our hearts. My prayer is . . .

ALL: God eternal, keep us in communion with your people of all times and in all places that we may serve you faithfully until your will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 14:13-21

HYMN VU662 Lead Me God

REFLECTION – “Enough To Go Around”

CLOSING HYMN – VU556 Would You Bless Our Homes and Families (v1, 3)

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

L: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CHORAL BLESSING – May the Love

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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