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# Communion

## Our Mission

Our response to God's call for us to show and share the presence of Christ in the world is our mission to:

**Nurture** - helping people to see God working in their lives, enabling them to respond to God's call for wholeness.

**Encourage** - supporting one another in our faith walk, together experiencing Christ on a deeper personal level.

**Celebrate** - Inspired by the Holy Spirit to learn, work, and play together in our faith, sharing our joy with the world.

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10:00 AM

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**Words of Welcome**

**Announcements & Events in the Life of the Church**

**Prelude**

### THE PREPARATION

**Call to Worship** (Leader; **ALL**)

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

**we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**FOR THE LORD IS GOOD AND HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER; HIS FAITHFULNESS CONTINUES THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS.**

**Song of Praise**

#469 "Morning Has Broken"

**Passing of the Peace**

**Moment with the Children**

**Litany of Confession**

Gracious God, who made covenant with our ancestors,

**we gather here today as a rebellious people.**

We want to act out your intentions for us,

**but we get sidetracked by the false glitter of the world.**

You tell us to honor Creation

**But we use other people, animals, and plants for our own gain.**

You offer bread to every living creature,

**and we steal that bread from our brothers and sisters in the name of greed.**

You promise us new life,

**But we shrink back in fear, clinging to our death-dealing ways.**

Heal us, O Lord, lest we destroy ourselves and the planet.

**Litany of Confession** continued

**We need your healing presence among us,**  
That your good intentions for all of creation might be fulfilled at last  
**Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

**Moment for Silent Confession**

**Prayers for the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** pg 16 in Hymnal

**Song of Thanksgiving #579 "Glory Be to the Father"**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 17: 5-10 pg 80 NT

**Anthem**

**Scripture Reading** 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 pg 211 NT

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** "Guard Your Treasure" Rev. Dr. Linda Erkert-Bullock

**\*Song of Hope**

*"We Come to This Table"* (tune is to "We Gather Together")  
We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.  
We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.  
We hear Jesus' welcome-- inviting, forgiving;  
We know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.

We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,  
Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.

**PASTOR**

Rev. Dr. Linda J. Erkert-Bullock

*"We Come to This Table" continued*

The bread and the cup that we share here with others  
Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.

We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much longer?"  
We pray for the cycles of violence to cease.  
Yet here, in Christ broken, we're fed and made stronger  
To labor in his name for a world filled with peace.

We rise from this table with new dedication  
To feed the world's children, to free the oppressed,  
To clear out the minefields, to care for creation;  
We pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blest

**Affirmation of Faith** Apostles Creed                      pg 14 in Hymnal

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

\***Doxology**    #592 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Prayer of Dedication**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**SENDING**

\***Song to Send Out**                      #538 "Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

\*those who are able may stand