



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greeting

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Hymn *Amazing Grace*

Confession of Sin

Pastor: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we all are in prison, not only for our crimes but also to sin, and we cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, with God's infinite grace, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God.

People: Amen.

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible: Proverbs 18:24

Some friends play at friendship but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin.

A Reading from the New Testament: John 15: 12-15

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you.

Passing the Peace

Please say your name, a friend's name and one memory you have of friendship.

Hymn *We Gather Together*

The Invitation

Pastor: The table of the bread and the cup is now made ready. It is the table where we eat with Jesus and with all those everywhere and through out all time who love Him. It is the table He shared with the poor of the world, with sinners, prostitutes and thieves. It is a table for people like us.

People: It is Christ who invites us to meet Him here.

Pastor: So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this table often, and you who have never been; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. So come to this table, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. It is our chance, once again, to get right with God. This table is open to all.

Words of Institution

Pastor: On the night of His arrest, as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took a piece of bread and broke it. He gave it to his friends saying, "This is my body. It is broken for you."

All: Do this in remembrance of me.

Pastor: Later, after they had eaten, he took the cup and said, "This cup is the new relationship with God that will be made possible because of my death. Take this and share it."

All: Do this in remembrance of me.

Call to the Supper

Pastor: So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this cup, the produce of the earth and the fruit of human labor. In these Jesus has promised to be here with us. Through these, Christ can make us whole. The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Lords Prayer

Our Father who art in haven, 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 us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering and Sacrifice: Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Prayer for Acceptance

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Commissioning and Benediction