

Prelude

Call to Worship Prayer

Let Christ's peace rule in our hearts. Let us be at peace in his one body. Fill our hearts and mouths with overflowing thanksgiving.

Let Christ's word dwell in us richly. Let us teach and admonish each other in all wisdom.

Let us impart grace through the songs flowing from thankful hearts.

May we do everything, whatever it is, in the name of our Lord Jesus.

We give thanks to you, our God and Father, through his name. Amen.

to be chosen and loved by none less than the Creator of the Universe. Our only appropriate response is to love you in return. Yes, our Holy God, we do love you.

Hymn # 288 Voices United Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

O Lord our God, our merciful father,
On the evening before his suffering your son,
Our saviour Jesus Christ prayed
That believers in him would be one
So that the world would believe. *
But often we have not conformed to his will,
But have fostered opposition to each other
And caused division, have harboured contempt for each other,
Judged and fought against one another.
We must repent and ask for forgiveness
For our failures in our history and in our present.
So we urgently cry out for your mercy and plead with you,
Send us, and all Christians, a heart of remorse and repentance.
Send us the grace we need to reconcile with each other
And, unified in body and spirit, once again
Experience the joy of complete fellowship.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn # 375 Voices United Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;

and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

(James K. Manley (20th century), hymn-writer. Published in Everflowing Streams (1981). "Spirit," l. 1-4 (1978).)

Passing of the Peace

Santus

Lighting of the Candle

Children's Time

People's Prayer

We bless God and pray for our world,
our communities and our lives to be shaped by God's will;;
We pray for daily needs to be met,;
For forgiveness for wrongdoings,
strength to resist temptation and protection from danger

A New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 595 Voices United We are Pilgrims, the Servant song

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

The Scriptures

Colossians 3:8-17

But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. **Psalms 133:1-3**

1 How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
2 It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
3 It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

1 Peter 3:8

8 Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

Reflection: What Makes a Good Christian?

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father

Search our hearts we pray and see if there is anything that is preventing us from living unto the Lord.

May all we do in word and deed be carried out in the name of Jesus and to His praise and glory.

Keep my eyes looking to Him and my heart ready to do your will.

Thank You Father that we are called by your name.

Thank You that You who started a good work in us will complete it in the day of Christ

Jesus – to You be all honour and praise, thanksgiving and worship, AMEN.

Closing Hymn: Voices United # 672 Take Time to be Holy

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

Benediction

Postlude

Weekly Reflection Questions:

1. In what areas do I struggle to demonstrate the character of Christ in my life?
2. Can I take 10 minutes a day to read over the scriptures from the Worship Service and ask God to transform me?
3. Can I pray, even be still with God with my thoughts and feelings?
4. Why is it hard to forgive others when we have been given such unmerited grace from God.
5. Is there someone I need to forgive? Do I need to bring this person to God in prayer, do I need to write a letter, make a phone call.
6. Do I need to ask forgiveness of someone? Can I be vulnerable like my saviour?