

Welcome & Announcements

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Land Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

We come to this place from all kinds of places

We bring our hearts, and our minds and our faces

We've come from near and we've come from far

We've come just the way we are

And while the words might be amusing,

We know they wouldn't be everyone's choosing.

Some folks who will remain anonymous,

Like their worship to be deuteronomious.

And that's okay if it floats your boat,

The readings, the hymns, the reciting by rote.

But today I think that's not what it takes.

Today our boats float on quite different-ish lakes.

The style will be different and before we begin it,

We have to make sure that we put our hearts in it.

So bring on the whimsy, the tunes and the rhymes.

Let our worship reflect our tides and our times.

And we gather this gathering in a gatherly way.

To sing and to laugh and to dance and to pray.

Hymn: Psalm 100 Make a Joyful Noise VU 820

Opening blessing

Hold the knowing and the feeling

In your hearts and in your brains

Of the God who makes, the Christ who leads,

The Spirit that sustains,

And be blessed

When you're at your worst and at your best,

Know that you are blessed.

If the day's been hard and you are stressed

Know that you are blessed.

When it feels like life is one long test,

Know that you are blessed.

When you don't know how you should be dressed

In jeans and a t-shirt or a suit and a vest

Even when they haven't been pressed

Know that you are blessed.

When you're on top of the world or when you're depressed

Know that you are blessed.

When you're being serious and when you jest

Know that you are blessed.

When you wonder about who you have impressed

Know that you are blessed.

When the world is making just one more request

Know that you are blessed.

When the things you have cleaned have gotten re-messed

Know that you are blessed.

When you're the host and when you're the guest

Know that you are blessed.

From Iqaluit to Budapest

Know that you are blessed.

And when your sister, ... Remember they're blessed too,

And so are you.

Amen

Lord's Prayer—

We hold you dear as children should.

Your name is holy, true and good.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

In heaven like on earth as one.

Give us today our daily bread,

Forgive the things we've done and said,

As we forgive things done to us,

And save us from the temptuous.

Keep evil times from us and ours,

For the kingdom and the powers,

And the glory, just for you.

For all time 'til time is through.

Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

An ancient custom we observe,

To note the one we seek and serve.

So we lay our conflicts down.

Fellowship is what enables

Us to gather at this table.

Everybody, gather 'round.

Jesus showed how much he cares.

He said, "My peace is what I share."

And we think we should share it too.

So we answer when we're called.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also, we should say, with you.

Kum Ba Ya—Grace SS drummers

Hymn Jesus Loves Me Verse 1 VU 365

Seuss time

What Was I Scared Of?

Hymn Jesus Loves Me verse 2 VU 365

Green Eggs and Ham

Hymn Jesus Loves Me verse 3 VU 365

The Sneetches

Hymn Give to Us Laughter VU 624

Offering hymn What Can I Do MV 191

Offertory prayer

Dear God,
Everything that's done through you
Becomes refreshed and made anew.
Take the gifts that we have brought
These simple things, or so we thought,
And do the things that you do to 'em.
And remember, just the same,
We bring ourselves in Jesus' name
Amen

Project Good Tidings Kick-Off

God, you bless us each day with good things. We live with respect in creation and we are most like you when we share and care for one another. Bless these empty baskets and our joy in filling them. Amen!

Prayers of the People VU 400

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace 2x*

In this place and on this day,
Hear our voices as we pray.

Hymn We Are Marching VU 646

Blessing

Bless the cows, farmers and dairies we ask
To share in ice cream sundaes is now our task.
God, be part of our celebration sharing
Be part of our words, our food and our caring.

Dismissal

Go out and be new. Go out and be you.
Go out and do all the things that you do.
Thanks be to God.
Amen

Congregational Sung Response May the God of Hope Go With Us VU 424 verse 1