

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

God calls out to us in yearning love: through quiet calls amidst the din of human enterprise; through sudden glimpses of the glory of creation; through light shining forth from the word of God, from worship, and from Jesus the Messiah. In all places and in all things, God calls out to us in yearning love.

***SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:33-37**

*** OPENING HYMN: #145.....Morning Has Broken**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

People: For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

*** LET US PRAY:**

Lord of wisdom, Lord of words, in your law and in your guidance, we find comfort, a sure road through a world without landmarks. As we all gather to praise your name, bless us with your presence, fill us with your Spirit, grant us a measure of your wisdom. For your gracious gifts we thank you. We pray these things in your name. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

#328..... Surely the Presence of the Lord

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

Lord, it's the tongue that gets us into trouble - yet we need to use our tongues to raise our voices in praise and song. There's no getting around it - we need you at the helm of our brains, guiding and guarding us against the fire of our tongues, that we might bless and not curse our sisters and brothers. Wise God, fill the sails with your Spirit and send us swiftly toward your shores! Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: #507Through It All**

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Pour out your thoughts, O God.
Make your Word known to us,
and teach us your ways.

***SCRIPTURE READING: James 3:1-12**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: "Taming our Tongue"

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: #732 Come, We That Love the Lord**

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

Let us pray: **The Lord's Prayer**

*** PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

*** CLOSING HYMN: #338..... Where He Leads Me (vs 1 & 4)**

*** DISMISSAL BLESSING**



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

Concerns

- ~ Shirley Platt (health concerns)
- ~ Sandra Rosado (prayers for complete recovery)
- ~ P.J. Mart (in Strong Hospital waiting for a heart transplant)
[Kate's cousin]
- ~ Catie Long has COVID (doing well)
- ~ Don Swanson (health concerns)
- ~ Kanae Swanson (strength)
- ~ Richard Harris (continuing prayers for recovery)
- ~ John & Shirley Zinter (health concerns) {Sue's parents}
- ~ Susan (strength & comfort)

- ~ Drivers for church van/transportation
- ~ Prayers for a Multi-Cultural Committee
- ~ Immigration
- ~ Prayers for asking God to be led to serve on our various committees
- ~ Amos's granddaughter, Angela, who is a missionary. Had Lyme disease, recovered, but now has internal parasites.
- ~ Beth Nicoll's boss & his fiancé (Joe & Rhonda) who both have COVID
- ~ Luz, who is recovering from a heart condition
- ~ Lindsey, Bev's granddaughter, who has developed sarcoidosis as a result from COVID.
- ~ Laurie M, who is taking radiation treatments near her eye

Joys

- ~ Beth rejoices that God helps her at her place of work!
- ~ Bev rejoices that Maria gave her a book about Communion that she is enjoying
- ~ Sandra rejoices that she is walking and progressing from her stroke
- ~ Karen rejoices that P.J. is recovering

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