

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Let us sing to God; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

ALL: We come into God’s presence with thanksgiving!

One: From north, south, east, and west, all creation shouts,

ALL: Glory be to God alone.

Gathering Hymn 679

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we know what you expect of us; to accept your love, to be loving toward others, to include everyone, to recognize our mistakes and mend broken friendships, to build a community of caring and giving. Yet how easily we forget. How easily we get caught up in busyness or worries or individual problems. Forgive us, renew us, strengthen us, we pray.

-Quiet Reflection-

Assurance of Grace

One: Our God is loving and forgiving. We can be assured that God's loving arms tenderly hold us in forgiveness and send us forth to new life. Receive and share the good news:

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made whole, thanks be to God.

Response to Grace

“Grow in Faith”

taught by our SHINE kids

Grow in faith. Grow in faith; u-nite in love. U-nite in love, and
 reach out to oth-ers, reach out to oth-ers. Show them God's great love, love, love.
 Yes, reach out to oth-ers, reach out to oth-ers. Show them God's great love.

Time for Wonder *children are invited forward*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

Common English Bible

I take refuge in you, Lord.
 Please never let me be put to shame.
 Rescue me by your righteousness!
² Listen closely to me!
 Deliver me quickly;
 be a rock that protects me;
 be a strong fortress that saves me!
³ You are definitely my rock and my fortress.
 Guide me and lead me for the sake of your good name!
⁴ Get me out of this net that's been set for me
 because you are my protective fortress.
⁵ I entrust my spirit into your hands;
 you, Lord, God of faithfulness—
 you have saved me.

1 Peter 2:2-10¹

The Inclusive Bible

¹ Therefore, never be spiteful, deceitful, hypocritical, envious or critical of each other. ² Like newborn babies, be hungry for nothing but milk—the pure milk of the word that will make you grow into salvation, ³ now that you have “tasted that our God is good.” ⁴ Come to Christ—a living stone, rejected by mortals but approved nonetheless, chosen and precious in God's eyes. ⁵ And you are living stones as well: you are being built as an edifice of spirit, to become a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For scripture has it,
 “See, I am laying a cornerstone in Zion; an approved stone, and precious.
 Those who put their faith in it will not be shaken.”
⁷ The stone is precious for you who have faith. But for those without faith,
 “The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”
 and, at the same time, ⁸ “an obstacle and a stumbling block.”
 Those who stumble and fall are the disbelievers in God's word; it is their destiny to do so.
⁹ You, however, are a “chosen people, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart”
 to sing the praises of the One who called you out of the darkness into the wonderful, divine light. ¹⁰
 Once you were “not a people,” but now you are the people of God; once there was “no mercy for
 you,” but now you have found mercy.

Reflection on the Word**Hymn 409**

“God Is Here”

Offering Invitation*Gifts may also be given online at firstprescf.org***Doxology** (tune #609)

For death-defying hope, we praise;—for love that conquers all, we raise—alleluias! Alleluia!
 For justice here on earth we sing—and righteousness as if a stream.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

¹ Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 2658). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.** *[celebrant continues]*

Sharing the Meal

One: The bread of heaven. **ALL: We are one in the bread we share.**

One: The cup of salvation. **ALL: We are one in the cup we share.**

Prayer

Sending Hymn

“God Has Given Us”

see page 3 for the tune

1. God has given us, given us each other, — and reaches through our arms.
as we enfold, through days of sorrow, those of us who are hurting.
2. God has given us, given us each other, — and reaches through our arms.
In times of shock, when we are reeling, we have held to each other.
3. God has given us, given us each other, — and reaches through our arms.
When suffering speaks, we feel the breaking. Then we join in the lifting.

Our Life Together

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

Go in peace and boldness to love and serve the Lord!

God Has Given Us Each Other

Musical staff with notes and chords: Eb, Cm, Cm/Bb, Ab

1. God has giv-en us, giv-en us each oth-er, _____ and reach-es through our
 2. God has giv-en us, giv-en us each oth-er, _____ and reach-es through our
 3. God has giv-en us, giv-en us each oth-er, _____ and reach-es through our

Musical staff with notes and chords: Bb, Bdim, Cm, Cm/Bb, Ab, Eb/G

arms, as we en - fold, through days of sor - row,
 arms. In times of shock, when we are reel - ing,
 arms. Whensuff-ring speaks, we feel the break-ing.

Musical staff with notes and chords: Fm, Eb/G, Ab, Bb, Fm, Eb/G, Ab, Bb

those of us who are hurt - ing. (to v2)
 we have held to each oth - er. (to v3)
 Then we join in the lift - ing. (to Coda)

Musical staff with notes and chords: Eb, Cm, Ab, Fm7, Eb

Coda: God has giv-en us, giv-en us each oth-er. _____

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