

UNITE IN LOVE

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

ALL: We will praise the Lord!

One: Sing to the Lord a new song.

ALL: We will praise the Lord!

One: For the Lord has done great things!

ALL: We will praise the Lord!

Gathering Hymn #633

“Praise Ye the Lord”

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**ALL: God of calling,
you called Abraham and Sarah
and gave them the strength they needed to follow you.
You also called a people and cared for and nurtured that people
so that they could live life in your abundance.
You also call us, but sometimes we prefer to close our eyes
and cover our ears, turning our backs to your will.
Forgive us, O God, and grant us the confidence and the hope that we need
to follow when you call.**

Quiet Reflection

Assurance of Grace

One: Siblings in Christ, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ.

ALL: By God’s grace, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved. Amen.

Response to Grace #582 “Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

GROW IN FAITH

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

One: The word of God for the people of God. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Time for Wonder

Reflection on the Word

“Creating Altars Along the Way”

Hymn #51

“To Abraham and Sarah”

MERLE’S TUNE

Using the tune #378, “We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant continues...

...Three days later he rose from the grave,
conquering death and bringing us new life.

We shout out the good news:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues...

And now we pray with joy the prayer that Christ taught us:

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant continues...

As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup we declare the life, death, and resurrection of Christ until he comes again.

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

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

Prayer

Offering Invitation & Dedication

Doxology 607 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Our Life Together

- Next Sunday: God’s Creative Connection – “Creative Hospitality” Genesis 18:1-15

Sending Hymn #546 “Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

***Blessing and Charge**

Passing the Peace

One: May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Share signs of God’s peace with one another.

Postlude