

UNITE IN LOVE

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: We come here with lots of things on our minds.

ALL: Now we turn our focus to God.

We acknowledge the thoughts which distract us
and hand them over to God’s gentle care.

ALL: God meets our worry with peace and our doubt with assurance.

One: Now let us join with all creation in gratitude and praise.

Gathering Hymn #37

“Let All Things Now Living”

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, your kin-dom confounds us.

You challenge our assumptions about right living
and stretch our understanding of what holds worth.

You reverse our expectations and reorder our priorities
until they reflect your vision of well-being for all.

Your kin-dom surprises us with grace upon grace.

But we cling to the values of this world,
which privilege productivity over people,

success over service, and competition for resources over the common good.

Open us to new ways of living that embody your desire for creation
and contribute to a commonwealth marked by justice and joy.

Quiet Reflection

Assurance of Grace

One: Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ

is a new creation.

Friends, believe and share the good news.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made whole! Thanks be to God.

Response to Grace #447

“We Are Forgiven”

1 time

GROW IN FAITH

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:26-30

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

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Romans 8:31-39

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Time for Wonder

Reflection on the Word

“Inseparable”

Hymn #53

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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.

Offering Invitation & Dedication

Doxology #607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Our Life Together

- Next Sunday: When In Romans, “All-Inclusive Grace” Romans 9:1-5

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