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**"The Church by the Side of the Road"**

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## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND SHARING TIME

#### INTROIT: #221 Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped (vs. 1)

*Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sustains all creation!  
Sing praise, my soul, in profound and complete adoration!  
Gladsome rejoice - organ and trumpet and voice -  
joining God's great congregation.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

O God, we come, to hear again the promise of your holy love that knows us completely and holds us forever.

**We come to celebrate the promises of God.**

We come, to celebrate this holy love that draws us together by the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace.

**We come to celebrate the peace of the Holy Spirit**

We come, to find the unity of our faith through the faithfulness of Jesus and the unity of your Spirit.

**O God, you call us to gather and we are thankful for your Holy Spirit who unites us as one and who equips us to work for love and justice in the world.  
Amen.**

#### HYMN: #371 Open My Eyes

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear,  
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (responsive)

Create in us clean hearts, O God.

**And put a new and right spirit within us.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

### THE PEACE:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### HYMN: #357 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,  
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

*First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
And I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
All in the lovelight of Jesus' face.*

*Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea  
Tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!  
And how the Master, ready and kind,  
Chided the billows and hushed the wind.*

*Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
One of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
Loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!*

*Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain;  
And of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain.  
Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be  
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (unison)

**Loving God, by your Word, continue to equip each of us for the ministry to which you have called the church, to build up the Body of Christ. Amen.**

#### RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 51, VU #776

**Refrain: God, I call to you for help, in your mercy hear my prayer.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great kindness,

**In the fullness of your mercy blot out my offences.**

Wash away all my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.  
**For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is always before me. R**

Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done evil in your sight,  
**So that you are justified in your sentence,  
And blameless in your judgement.**

Guilty I have been from my birth,  
A sinner from the time of conception.  
**But you desire truth in our inward being,  
Therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean,  
**Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.**  
Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness,  
**Let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**  
Turn away your face from my sins,  
**And blot out all my iniquities. R**

Put a new heart in me, O God,  
**And give me again a constant spirit.**  
Do not cast me away from your holy presence,  
**Do not take your holy spirit from me.**  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
And strengthen me with a willing spirit.  
**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
And sinners will return to you.**

O God, open my lips,  
**And my mouth shall proclaim your praise. R**  
You desire no sacrifice, or I would give it;  
**You take no delight in burnt offerings.**  
The sacrifice you accept to God is a broken spirit;  
**A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. R**

**EPISTLE READING:** Ephesians 4:1-16

**GOSPEL READING:** John 6:24-35

## **REFLECTION**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**HYMN: #506 Take My Life and Let it Be**

*Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, all for thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.*

*Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love: and I will pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.*

## **OFFERTORY**

### **SUNG OFFERTORY: #541 Praise God from Whom**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)**

**Holy God, giver of every good gift, receive these signs of our commitment. May they serve your world and build up the Body of Christ, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **HYMN: #288 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

*Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness ever to me!***

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. R*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow-  
Wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R*

## **BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**



To the Glory of God, Today's Bulletin is a gift given

In loving memory of Mother, *Laura LeGrow* from son Ed, daughter in law Debbie and granddaughter Christine.

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