



An Open & Affirming and Reconciling Congregation

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Centering Words

God invites a broken people to sit together
around one round table.

In times of disagreement, let us learn to listen.....

(Please hold a moment of silence)

May what we hear loose us from prejudice
and bind us to the way of forgiving grace;
through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our
gathering.

Call to Worship

Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful
words and actions.

**God calls us to be a people who make peace through
compassion and honesty.**

We live in a world that does not understand the ways of
Jesus.

**Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and
peace for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God!
Amen.**

Opening hymn: *Here I am Lord* FWS #2178

The Peace

The peace of God be with you **And also with you.**

Message for All God's Children

Scripture Readings: Romans 13:8-14/ Matthew 18:15-20

God is still speaking. **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Hymn: *Let us Break Bread Together on our Knees* UMH #618

Sharing our prayers

*This is my prayer. **This is our prayer.***

The Lord's Prayer

Offering our gifts

Announcements

Prayer of Dedication **Reconciling God, as you taught the
disciples to seek peace with one another, teach us to live
in our “church clothes” every day—clothed in patience,
truth, and love. Receive these gifts and offerings as signs
of our trust in your grace and our commitment to your
work of healing and restoration. Use what we offer to
mend what is broken, welcome those who feel outside,
and build a community where forgiveness and hope have
the final word. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

Celebrating Community ~ Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Prayer

Words of Blessing for the Bread and Cup

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanks **We give thanks for the table of
community, where Christ has graciously come to meet us.
May this feast nourish our desire to restore community
when it is broken, hold boundaries with firmness and
grace, listen with curiosity, and speak with gentleness,
that all may know we are disciples of a forgiving God.
Amen.**

Sending Song: *O Master Let me Walk with Thee* UMH #430