



*“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”*



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# Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

arr. Cindy Berry

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## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Opening Words

What is this place where we meet? It is only a building. Yet it becomes a sanctuary when we gather together in the name of Jesus. And so, in the name of Jesus, we gather as God's people, eager to hear God's word and do God's will.

### \* Opening Prayer

#### Opening Hymn

*What is this place*

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What is this place where we are meeting?

Only a house, the earth its floor,  
walls and a roof sheltering people,  
windows for light, an open door.

Yet it becomes a body that lives when  
we are gathered here,  
and know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling,  
sparks that are sown in us like seed.

Names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders  
sent from the past are what we need.

We in this place remember and speak  
again what we have heard:  
God's free redeeming word.

And we accept bread at his table,  
broken and shared, a living sign.

Here in this world, dying and living,  
we are each other's bread and wine.

This is the place where we can receive  
what we need to increase:

God's justice and God's peace.

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### Time with Our Children

### Congregational Prayer

#### Song

*As the deer*

#1017

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

#### *Chorus:*

You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver  
and the apple of my eye. [Chorus]

You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a King.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything. [Chorus]

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## WORSHIP IN GIVING

### Thoughts on Giving

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we are offered opportunities to reach out to those who need hope, healing, and friendship. This is why you pour out your blessings upon us, trusting that

we will share from our abundance to bless others, even as we have been blessed. Receive the gifts we offer, multiply them, and use them in the work of grace and justice. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## **LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

### **Special Music**

*Pie Jesus* from “*Requiem*”

Gabriel Faure

“*Pie Jesus*” by Gabriel Faure

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### **Scripture Lesson**

Jeremiah 7:1-11 (*NRSV*)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: “This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.”

For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your ancestors forever and ever.

Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, “We are safe!”—only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? You know, I too am watching, says the Lord.

### **Sermon**

“The Politically Incorrect Jeremiah:

Part I – Telling It Like It Is”

# Service of Communion

## Prayer of Confession

Minister: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid.

**People: Help us to be honest with ourselves and with you. Save us from believing we can live without you. Enable us to speak our hopes and joys, guilt and fears.**

Minister: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit . . .

**People: Forgive our sins and fill us with your love. Renew our trust in your forgiving love. Let your love be our peace and your reconciliation for the world.**

Minister: That we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name.

**People: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray, Amen.**

## Liturgy for Bread and Cup Communion

### Reading of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:23-24 (ESV)

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

### Unison Prayer

**Our God, as we break this bread with the person next to us we are aware of that part of ourselves that is hurting and broken. We also know of things that need to be broken and done away with. We offer all this to you and invite your presence into our brokenness. For it is there that you can reach us and care for us. Amen.**

### Blessing the Bread and Affirmation of Faith

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

**Reading of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:25-26 (ESV)**

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Blessing the Cup and Affirmation of Faith:**

This cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

**Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

**Lord, we have been guests at your table. We know the wholeness that comes when we accept your life and make it ours. We give you thanks for all the blessings that come our way. We thank you even more that in our very difficult moments, in our pain and confusion, even in our separateness from each other, you are present with us. Nothing can separate us from your love. In the assurance of that promise, we truly wish to be your healed and healing body in this world. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\* Closing Hymn**

*Sent forth by God's blessing*

**#478**

Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended,  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The fruit of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,

shall blossom in action  
for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
his love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom  
and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing the children of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one  
in this life that we share.

Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ  
and his name which we bear.

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## \* **Benediction**

One: Having listened to God's words, we are sent to serve others.

**Many: Today and tomorrow, we will follow where God leads.**

One: Having joined in songs of praise and hope, we will carry these gifts into the world.

**Many: Today and tomorrow, we will serve beside Jesus.**

One: Having been filled with the Spirit of justice, we will go to be with all who struggle.

**Many: Today and tomorrow, we will bring justice and peace to those around us.**

*\* Please stand as able and led*



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