

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR WORSHIP

August 2, 2020
10:00am

Your Good News 5

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

****GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE****

CALL TO WORSHIP

God meets us in our greatest need

and satisfies us with divine presence and provision.

In gratitude,

let us worship the Lord our God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, let us confess our sin in the presence of the One who blesses us and meets our need.

CONFESSION

God of compassion, we are sick at heart. Too often, we have wrestled all night with worry, instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

(silent meditation)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior. **In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed. Thanks be to God, Amen!**

MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Providing God, by your Holy Spirit feed us with your Word, that we might be filled with the bread of life. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13-21

HOMILY

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Find Your Good

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome:

And so we gather at the table.

We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race, differing in orientation, and economic status.

As we come together around the table we discover that our differences are not something we merely tolerate, but that our differences are indeed a blessing,

the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred in our midst.

So, come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here, here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Come, children of God, come and remember with us.

Remembrance:

We remember the stories that Jesus’ friends tell: stories of bread broken and shared; feeding a multitude; stories of being gathered together – enemy and friend – around tables; stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

They say that that it was on a night of both celebration and betrayal that he took the bread leftover on the table, blessed it and broke it; reminding them that it is in the breaking that we become whole, in losing our lives that we find

them, in serving that we are served. As the grain scattered becomes one in the loaf, when we eat this bread, we become one with one another.

They say that he took the cup also leftover on the table, poured out and sharing, remembering with them, the life-giving breath even now pounding a rhythm through our veins, the breath of life from whence we come the breath that precedes and follows all that we can see. As the grapes find life in the vine, when we drink this cup, we become at one with the source of life itself.

Blessing:

And so we pray:

Come, holy Spirit, come.

Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.

**Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might
be open,**

**that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst,
indeed in one another.**

Come, holy Spirit, come.

Sharing of the Meal:

Friends, this is the feast of God prepared for the people of God.

Come, let us eat and drink together.

We Give Thanks:

You have fed us, Lord, and we are grateful.

Allow us to respond this day, and in the days to come,

with hearts made ready, eyes made open, hands made strong,

**and feet made willing to do your will in this place, and in all the
places to which you call us. Amen**

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

May the generous blessing and favor
of our loving, abundant God
lift you, sustain you, and send you to the world
with the gift of life! **AMEN**

POSTLUDE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Resources:

Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, liturgies for Year A, Volume 2. Kimberly Bracken Long, editor. Westminster John Knox Press/Louisville, KY, 2014, p98-110.

Liturgy outside – Reflections to Foster Faithful Resistance. Communion liturgy written in 2011.
<https://liturgyoutside.net/themes/communion/>