

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?" - Luke 15:4



Drawing People to Jesus by Hernández Xochitiotzin & Don Desiderio in Tlaxcala, Mexico

Gathering as the Body of Christ

CENTERING SONG “ABRE MIS OJOS OH CRISTO” (OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART
LORD)

**Abre mis ojos oh Cristo
Abre mis ojos Señor
Yo quiero verte
Yo quiero verte**

See you High and lifted up
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

**Santo Santo Santo
Santo Santo Santo
Santo Santo Santo
Yo quiero verte**

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The doors are open; the Good Shepherd calls.
Come in to find a place of comfort and safety.

**We turn away from our weariness and fear.
We leave behind our anxiety and cares.**

Aquã hay pan para satisfacer todas nuestras necesidades;
Hay aguas de reposo que refrescan nuestras almas.

**Nos dedicaremos a orar y a estudiar.
Buscamos vivir en verdadera comunidad.**

There are tasks for all of glad and generous heart.
Find strength in this hour to follow Jesus' steps.

Praise God for this time apart;

Praise God for refreshment and renewal.

***OPENING HYMN** “PUES SI VIVIMOS (WHEN WE ARE LIVING)” **UMH 356 (vs. 1&2)**

***CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

[All are invited to turn toward the Baptismal Font.]

The baptismal font reminds us of God’s promise of cleansing and forgiveness. In that confidence, let us lift our voices in a prayer of confession.

Transcending Spirit, Loving Parent, thank you for the many times you have held us in love, even when we have failed you. Thank you for the communities that surround us and confirm your presence by lifting us up when we fear we can no longer keep going.

We acknowledge that we are enough and that we have enough. We see the works of your Spirit guiding us through the wilderness and bringing us back when we deviate from your path. Help us continue to work for justice for our siblings who are being persecuted, discriminated, and hurt. We rejoice in thanksgiving, knowing you hear our prayers and delight in us. Amen.

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Rest in the assurance that your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

STUDENT MINISTER

You are invited to pass the peace to each other in a non-contact way that’s comfortable to you and your neighbor.

Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Let us share this peace with one another.

Service of the Word

POEM

“EL OLVIDO”

JUDITH ORTIZ COFER

(OBLIVION, FORGETFULNESS)

This prose connects to the scripture through the concept that the unity of all of the broken creates something beautiful and blessed.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 15:1-10

NRSV

SERMON

REV. DR. ELIZABETH SOTO

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Show us the suffering of the most miserable, so we may know our people's plight.

Free us to pray for others, for you are present in every person.

Help us to take responsibility for our life, so that we can be free at last.

Grant us courage to serve others, for in service there is true life.

Give us honesty and patience, so that we can work with other workers.

Bring forth song and celebration, so that the Spirit will be alive among us.

Let the Spirit flourish and grow, so that we will never tire of the struggle.

Let us remember those who have died for justice, for they have given us life.

Help us love even those who hate us, so we can change the world. Amen.

Service of the Table

OFFERTORY SONG

INSTRUMENTAL

*THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. / Y también contigo.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord. / Los elevamos al Señor.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. / Es digno y justo darle gracias y alabarle.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You have made from one every nation and people
to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance
of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to
his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the
new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of
sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so we ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and
on these gifts of bread and wine. May they nourish us to be the body of
Christ in the world.

**Renueva nuestra comunión con tu Iglesia por todo el mundo.
Mediante el poder de tu Espíritu, haznos uno con Cristo, uno con los
demás, y uno en la obra del ministerio a todo el mundo. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRESIDER

We have a few COVID related options for those who wish to partake. If you wish to receive from the ministers, take an empty eco-friendly cup from the stack on the aisle table and approach the minister, who will place a piece of bread in your open hand. All bread is gluten free.

Or you may take one of the sealed celebration cups with the wafer on top and juice beneath; hold them out to the minister for a blessing. A minister will pour grape juice into your cup. Eat, drink, and dispose of the cup in the waste baskets at the side aisles as you return to your seat.

If you are unable to come forward, please signal the ministers and we will come to you at your seat. Those who prefer not to partake in Communion are invited to a different kind of divine encounter through an interfaith prayer of blessing. If this is your preference, we invite you to meet the minister at the baptismal font.

COMMUNION SONG

RECKLESS LOVE

CORY ASBURY (CCLI)

Verse 1: Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus: Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99
And I couldn't earn it
I don't deserve it, still You give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

Bridge: There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after us
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after us

Going Forth as the Body of Christ

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God, through this meal, we pray that your grace would empower us to do justice, to offer mercy, and to do so with humility. You have given us your Son as an example, and your Holy Spirit as Advocate. Give us the courage to do your work in the world. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG** **“PUES SI VIVIMOS (WHEN WE ARE LIVING)” UMH 356 (vs. 3&4)**

***BENEDICTION**

[All are invited to turn toward the Preacher at the Baptismal Font.]

SENDING & POSTLUDE

Walk tall, walk well, walk safe, walk free
And may harm never come to thee.
Walk wise, walk good, walk proud, walk true
And may the sun smile on you.
Go well, my friend, and walk in the light of faith!

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