



*...that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.- 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NRSV)*



*This image symbolizes different individuals uniting, creating something new.*

# Gathering as the Body of Christ

CENTERING SONG

“WE ARE ONE ”

AAAH 323

GREETING

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

For the joy of human love

**Brother, sister, parent, child.**

Friends on earth and friends above,

**For all gentle thoughts and mild;**

Lord of all, to thee we raise,

**This, our hymn of grateful praise.**

**We come today, God, to offer our thanks for all you do**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“IN THE MIDST OF NEW DIMENSIONS” vs. 1-3

**NCH 391**

**\*CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

[Sat. only - All turn toward the Baptismal Font.]

The baptismal font reminds us of God’s promise of cleansing and forgiveness. In that confidence, let us enter into a time of confession.

God, We are busy people. We need reminders. We need help remembering what is important. In this time of silent confession, we will try to slow down our thoughts and be present with you. We will be still, and be with our God.

*(a time of silent prayer)*

**God, silence is hard. Confession is hard. Faithful God, you stay with us through all the difficult parts of life. You have heard our confession and have been with us in our silent prayers. For your faithfulness and love, we are grateful. Amen.**

Our good news is this-The steadfast love of God never ceases. God’s mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning.

**Great is God’s faithfulness. Amen.**

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace, but the peace of God in Christ Jesus be with you all.*

***And also with you!***

*Let us share this peace with one another.*

## Service of the Word

POEM [SAT ONLY]

“CIRCLES”

JENNIFER GARRISON BROWNELL

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living.

**Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

NRSV

SERMON

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### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

O God, lover of the world, you hold all that you have created within your compassionate embrace.  
As you hold our lives torn by pain, sorrow or hatred within your aching heart, we cry out for wholeness—  
for ourselves, for those we love, and for our world.

**May your healing presence gently transform  
the places of our lives where we hold pain.  
May your loving presence be a comforting reality  
for all those who find themselves in despair, lost or alone.**

**May your transforming presence  
create generosity in places of greed,  
harmony in place of hatred,  
and everlasting justice where evil now reigns.**

*(All continue praying silently)*

O God, lover of the world,  
from the silence of our own hearts,  
we bring before you  
these people and places that need  
your healing, loving, transforming presence:

**O God, lover of the world,  
this is your world,  
and we claim your power and your presence  
to make it whole. Amen.**

## *Service of the Table*

OFFERTORY SONG

INSTRUMENTAL

### **\*THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you. With the angels of light who envelop us, with all the saints before and beside us, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, “This is my body, given to you.” In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, “This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it.”

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and make us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, loving and caring in the world. Amen.

### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

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.

**COMMUNION SONG**

**“PUES SI VIVIMOS”**

**NCH 499**

## *Going Forth as the Body of Christ*

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen.**

**\*CLOSING SONG**

**“IN THE MIDST OF NEW DIMENSIONS ” vs. 4-5**

**NCH 391**

We acknowledge those among us who are non-binary, and include you in the “all persuasions” of verse 4.

## \*BENEDICTION

## SENDING & POSTLUDE

Remember that you are not alone.  
United by belief, purpose, humanity.

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To foster an expansive culture of worship that values difference and challenges the normative.*