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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

*RESPONSE FROM FAITHWARD

Creator God, in love you have fashioned the human family
in a variety of races, languages, and cultures.

Do not let our diversity divide us, but help us to welcome gifts
we can give and receive from one another.

Save us from prejudice, arrogance and fear,
and teach us how to live together

as members of one family, sharing one home,
and the children of one God. Amen.

DONA NOBIS PACEM

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We belong to God.

All: God's stamp is on our lives.

One: God's love and compassion are built into us.

All: God's mercy and hope flow through us.

One: Let's celebrate the powerful presence of God.

All: Let's rejoice in all the opportunities God gives us to serve.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, we confess that we allow ourselves to become lonely. Somehow we feel we must always go it alone. We seek individual success failing to realize that it is not truly possible. How easy it is for us to forget all the people who supported us along the way. You created us for community and yet we tend to isolate ourselves, valuing privacy over togetherness. Remind us once again that each of us is, because we are. Help us to re-member ourselves through our collective stories and mutual support. Forgive our arrogant thinking that we can go it alone, and restore us with mutual love and friendship in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PROMISE OF GOD

One: In our words, smiles, compassionate living we bear the image of God.

All: In our willingness to serve the voiceless and alienated, the lost and alone, God's presence abide with us.

One: Rejoice! You are called "Beloved of God."

All: Together we are all God's children by grace.

One: Friends, believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(WAVE TO YOUR FELLOW WORSHIPERS)

MUSICAL RESPONSE

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

ECCLESIASTES 3:9-12

WORD TO THE CHILDREN

SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

SERMON

"TOGETHER APART"

BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

(SEE INSERT)

ANTHEM

"ADAGIO D'APRES MARCELLO"

J. S. BACH

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND PETITION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS/DEBTORS)

Our Father, who art in Heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom and the power

And the glory forever. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS
BRIEF OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE

LEADER: What does the Lord require of you?

People: **To do justice,
to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with God**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

We present these gifts to you, not as individuals, but as a community mutually sharing our resources with you and one another. Accept and bless these wonderful gifts that they may be used to serve you by serving others in need. We give you thanks for all the blessings you have bestowed upon all of us this day and always. Amen.

WE DISPERSE IN GOD'S NAME

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

***Those Who Are Able Are Invited to Stand**



Together Apart in COVID

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BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH
(PREAMBLE AND SECTION TWO)

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.