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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SLIDESHOW

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

\*RESPONSE

“GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL”

***Goodness is stronger than evil, Life is stronger than death  
Light is stronger than darkness, Love is stronger than hate.  
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours through God who loves us.  
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CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God has called us to this place. What do you see?

ALL: **We see people who model for us God's joyous  
embrace of all people.**

ONE: God has called us to this place. What do you hear?

ALL: **We hear God's hope that we can see each person  
as our sister or brother.**

ONE: God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others.  
What will you do?

ALL: **We will do only one thing: welcome everyone in  
God's name!**

\*HYMN 464

“JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the mirror of the Bible, Revealing God, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We complain about those who are not doing what we think they should, and ignore our own failings. We speak words which nibble away at the life you offer us. We avoid those who we don't know and deny ourselves the richness and diversity of life.

Forgive us.. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we may learn the balanced life you intend for us. Then, and only then, can we offer our gifts to our neighbors and receive theirs in return. May we stop licking our hurts, so we can reach out and welcome our sisters and brothers. As we have been welcomed into your heart through Jesus Christ, may we extend an invitation to others, for the sake of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PROMISE OF GOD

LEADER: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*RESPONSE

“GLORY TO GOD”

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me  
And to the Christ, whose grace has pardoned me  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

“WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE, LORD”

WORD FROM THE CHILDREN

THE LESSONS

HEBREWS 13:1-2

GENESIS 18:1-15

SERMON

“STRANGER MEETINGS”

\*HYMN 382

“SOMEBODY'S KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR”

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF 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

OFFERTORY

\*RESPONSE (TMB) "WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?"

**What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?**

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

*To seek justice, and love kindness,  
and walk humbly with your God*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: May the Lord our God be with you

**All: And also with you!**

One: Let us lift our hearts to God.

**All: We lift them to the One who heals us at this table.**

One: Children of God, give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: We will sing our praises to the One who restores  
us to life.**

... Joining with those who sing your praises, lifting our voices  
with faithful ones of every time and place, we sing of  
our thanks to you forever: ...

***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart knows how to say to you,  
You are holy Lord.***

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these  
people we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people,  
because we have shared the living bread and cup of unity. May we live  
to your glory, as one people on this earth and citizens of the realm of  
heaven. Amen.

**WE DISPERSE IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN 507

"I COME WITH JOY"

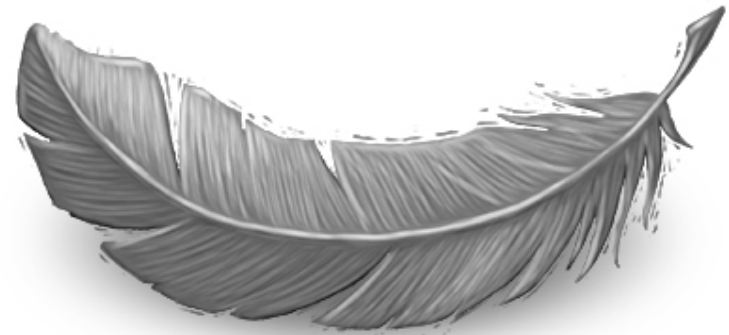
SPECIAL PRAYER AND PRESENTATION

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

**\*Those Who Are Able Are Invited To Stand**



## STRANGER MEETINGS

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