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Prelude

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Welcome

God's call to worship:

God calls us to worship him today.

We praise him for creating this world in all of its beauty.

We praise him for redeeming the world through Christ our Lord.

We praise him for sending us the gift of the Holy Spirit to encourage, instruct, and sustain us.

ALL:

We long for God's Spirit to work among us now, to inspire our praise, to challenge us with His truth, and to equip us for service in the world.

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Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God, come.

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One day ev'ry knee will bow.

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near,
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,
Sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

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God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

Epistle Reading: Galatians 5:13-18

Teach Us Your Ways

Teach us your ways,
Teach us your ways,
As we learn from one another,
Learn to love each other,
Teach us your ways.

Teach us to give,
Teach us to give,
Give ourselves to one another,
Learn to love each other,
Teach us to give.

Teach us to weep,
Teach us to weep;
Let us weep with one another,
Learn to love each other,
Teach us to weep.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Let us learn from one another,
Learn to love each other,
Teach us your ways.

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Scripture: Matthew 5:21-22

Message: You Shall Not Murder

Christ, You Call Us All to Service

Christ, you call us all to service
Call us all who follow you;
Plant in us a deep commitment
All your work and will to do.
Fire a passion for your justice,
In us kindle love of peace;

Help us heal the broken-hearted,
To the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together,
Brothers, sisters, side by side,
Equal partners in the struggle,
In the cause of truth allied.
To each one some gift is given,
Man or woman, young or old;
Help us use each skill and talent
Your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people,
Reconciling, ending strife,
Seeking ways more just of sharing
And of ordering human life.
Fill us with a glowing vision
Of this world as it should be;
Send us forth to change that vision
Into blest reality.

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God of All Comfort

God of all comfort, God of compassion,
Reveal your mercy through us your church,
Disturb our slumber, move us to action,
To show your kingdom on the earth.
Make us like Jesus, full of your Spirit,
Declaring good news to the poor,
Proclaiming freedom for every captive
And the favor of the Lord.

Show us the value of every person
Show us your image in every face;
We all are equal, we all are broken,
And need the kindness of your grace.
We stand together, here in the margins,

There in the hardship and the pain,
We cry for justice and restoration,
Until the silent sing again.

We hear the groaning of all creation,
We hear the promise of earth renewed,
So make us agents of your redemption
In this, the world so loved by you.
May we grow bolder, may we speak louder,
Until your voice of hope is heard;
For we see
Jesus, going before us,
To bring his kingdom on the earth.

We pray your kingdom come on earth.
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Time of Confession and Prayer for our Church:

ALL:

Father God, we have probably all been hurt by unkind or unthoughtful words directed toward us. And we have probably hurt others by saying unkind words to or about them. Forgive us when we have committed murder in our hearts by slandering or speaking unkindly about others. Direct our thoughts and our words towards goodness, gentleness and self-control. May we seek only the highest good for others. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who not only endured scorn and hatred, but gave himself up to be a victim of the hatred and murderous intent of humanity in order to save humanity from itself - this Savior bore all of our sins upon himself as he was killed. Our Deliverer who

showed us how to love our enemies has forgiven our sins, even though we do not deserve such a grace. Let us give him praise and thanks, for without him we would be swallowed up by our sinfulness and hate. In Christ, our sins are forgiven!

ALL:

Thanks be to God!

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God's Will for our Lives:

Let us hear the decrees, and the laws of the Lord, learn them, and be sure to follow them:

¹ You shall have no other gods but me:

ALL:

Lord, help us to love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength.

² You shall not make for yourself any idol:

ALL:

Lord, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

³ You shall not dishonor the name of the Lord your God:

ALL:

Lord, help us to honor you with reverence and awe.

⁴ Remember the Lord's day

and keep it holy:

ALL:

Lord, help us to celebrate Christ risen from the dead, and to set our minds on things above, not on things on the earth.

⁵ Honor your father and your mother:

ALL:

Lord, help us to live as your servants, giving respect to all, and love to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

⁶ You shall not murder:

ALL:

Lord, help us to be reconciled one with another, and to overcome evil with good.

⁷ You shall not commit adultery:

ALL:
Lord, help us to realize that our bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit.

⁸ You shall not steal:

ALL:
Lord, help us to be honest in all we do, and to care for those in need.

⁹ You shall not be a false witness:

ALL:
Lord, help us always to speak the truth.

¹⁰ You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor:

ALL:
Lord, help us to remember Jesus said, It is more blessed to give than to receive, and help us to love our neighbors as ourselves; for his sake. Amen.

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The Greatest Commandment

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart and soul and mind
And love your neighbor as yourself

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And love your neighbor as yourself

Let us be known, let us be known
By the way we love

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By the way we love

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Blessing

Let Us Be Known By Our Love

Let us be known by our love
In every word in every deed honor the Son
Let our light shine in every eye
Let us be known by our love

For the glory of the Father
For the glory of the Son
For the glory of the Spirit
Let us be known by our love

Let us be known by our joy
In every home in every heart sing to the Lord
Let our life show goodness and hope
Let us be known by our joy

For the glory of the Father
For the glory of the Son

For the glory of the Spirit
Let us be known by our joy

Let us be known by our peace
In every town in every tribe Jesus is king
Let us go forth heal and restore
Let us be known by our peace

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