

Order of Worship April 25, 2021

Pre-service song: **See What a Morning**

Welcome

Opening Words

O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.
For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
For you the kings of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.
Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.
Great is your name.
Great is your love. Amen.

Responsive Call to Worship _____ (Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24)

Day by day, God leads us:

**to the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**the community we could be,
the family we are called to become**

God's Greeting

Song: **Sing Choirs of New Jerusalem**

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
Creator of the heavens and earth,
we confess that we do not always live into
the message of hope and salvation,
the promise of eternal life.

We live in ways that make the here and now
more important than the future.

We live in ways that put ourselves and our own success first
over the needs of others and the long-term needs of the world.

Forgive us for our selfish ways and call us into the path of Christ,
who humbled himself and gave himself up for us on the cross,
so that death might be no more
and that all can share in the joy of salvation and eternal life,
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (from I John 3)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!

**And that is what we are!
We know that when Christ appears
we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.
All who have this hope in him purify themselves,
just as he is pure.
Praise be to God!**

*Song: **I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace** (birthday song for Ena Boot)*

Communion

Leader:

*As we come to this table,
we are reminded that this is the table of Jesus Christ,
a banquet prepared for everyone.
All who seek to be nourished and sustained in the journey of faith,
all who seek wholeness and compassionate paths to peace and justice,
are welcome here.*

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

And share with each other this time of communion.

Leader:

*We are surrounded by a world of hunger and hurt. We are surrounded by
injustices, loneliness, illnesses, and hate. Yet through you, God, we know a
different story.*

*Our sacred story tells us of times when our ancestors dined with the Divine.
When Abraham was approached by three strangers, he offered them bread
to rebuild their bodies and refresh their souls, not knowing he was visited by you.
When he and Sarah wondered what you were up to, you humbled yourself and
invited them into a deeper relationship, to help them develop a heart like yours.*

*Our sacred story tells us of the time when you became one of us by being born
as Jesus; a time when "he who was in very nature God, did not consider equality
with you something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself
nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And
being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to
death— even death on a cross!*

Therefore you have exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:6–11, NIV)

Congregation:

**In the fullness of your love,
you sent into the world your Son, Jesus Christ,
the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation.**

*With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven
we worship and adore your glorious name.*

Congregation:

**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”**

(The following is NOT on Power Point)

Leader:

The Words of Institution

Our sacred story tells us that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus and his friends gathered in a room. Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

*“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.”*

And after supper, Jesus took a cup, saying,

*“This cup is the new testament in my blood:
this do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

Prayer:

*Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,
that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless
may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.*

*And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf,
and these grapes from many hills into one cup,
grant, O Lord, that your whole Church
may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth
into your eternal fellowship.*

Words:

Take, eat!

Remember and believe that the body of Christ is the bread of heaven for us.

Take, drink!

Remember and believe that the blood of Christ is the cup of our salvation.

Thanksgiving after communion:

*Praise be to our Triune God,
who has embraced us in the love of Christ
nourished us with grace and love
called us to live and serve in unity and with mutual respect
empowered us by his spirit invited us to participate in the Mission of God.*

*"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"*

Song: ***The Lamb Has Overcome***

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Acts 4:5-13

Sermon ***Do You Remember When?***

Song: ***No Longer Slaves***

Prayers of the People

God's Parting Blessing

Song: ***We Will Feast in the House of Zion***

Offerings at the door

1. Woody Nook Ministries
2. World Renew