

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words

One: We enter this place desperate for the comfort of God's presence.

Many: Come O Holy One

One: We enter this place prepared to be challenged to do God's work in the world.

Many: Come O Holy One

One: We enter this place searching for the hope only God can bring.

Many: Come O Holy One

One: So let us be comforted, challenged and hopeful as we worship together.

Many: Come O Holy One

Opening Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Hymnal #1

Prayer of Invocation (Worship Ways)

Divine One,
from whom we seek a way to live that honors you,
come and remind us of the law
you have written on our hearts.
God of our being,
enter us by your Spirit
and show us how sweet Your words are.
Holy One of our yearning,
bring your comfort and strength to this gathering
that we may all partake of your wondrous love
and welcome you to our lives. Amen.

Musical Response: "What Does the Lord Require of You?" Binder #21

Children's Time

Word in Song:

Chancel Choir

Sacred Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their partner. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, I will put my instruction within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know God, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest; for I will forgive their injustice and remember their turning away no more.

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told the disciples a parable on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart.

“Once there was a judge in a certain city who feared no one – not even God. A woman in that city who had been widowed kept coming to the judge and saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’ For a time the judge refused, but finally the judge thought, ‘I care little for God or people, but this woman won’t leave me alone. I’d better give her the protection she seeks, or she’ll keep coming and wear me out!’”

Jesus said, “Listen to what this corrupt judge is saying. Won’t God then do justice to the chosen who call out day and night? Will God delay long over them? I tell you, God will give them swift justice. But when the Promised One comes, will faith be found anywhere on earth?”

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn “We Are Called” Binder #10

Prayers of the People (Lord’s Prayer in front of binder)

Communion

Minister: As we gather around the table to be nourished by this meal we remember that this is not our table this is God's table and that means all are welcome at this table. The bread is gluten free and there is grape juice in the cup.

Gathering around the table as we celebrate life together we remember so many stories shared around tables;

Liturgist: Tables where bread is broken and cup is poured out, where families gather and generations share, where stories are remembered, refined, reshaped.

Minister: Gathering around the table this morning, we break the bread (**break the bread**) and touch the mystery that in our brokenness we become whole;

Liturgist: We fill the cup (**fill the cup**) and remember the abundance discovered in each new sharing of our sacred stories. Together, around the table, we pray:

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking
that our eyes might be opened,
that we might recognize the risen Christ
in our midst, indeed, in one another.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Communion Response "We Will Take What You Offer" Binder #44

Let us pray with thanksgiving

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love
by bringing us to this meal.
We go from here renewed in faith,

renewed in courage,
and strengthened by your presence.
Thank you for loving us so tenderly.
Thank you for challenging us
to know you better and to receive you more fully. Amen

How Shall We Do God's Work in the World

“God Most High” Binder #48

Prayer of Dedication (in front of binder)

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to do
Your work in the world. Amen

Hymn “Sing a New Church” Binder #27

Benediction

Postlude