

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **Opening Words**

One: God, you call us to intentionality in our commitment to social justice.

**Many: We are Peace**

One: God, you call us to intimacy in our fellowship together.

**Many: We are Peace**

One: God, you call us to inclusiveness in our diversity.

**Many: We are Peace**

One: God, you call us to inquisitiveness in our personal spiritual growth.

**Many: We are Peace**

One: God you call us to inspiration in our communal worship.

**Many: We are Peace**

## **Opening Hymn** Binder #69 “All the Colors of the Rainbow”

## **Prayer of Invocation** (Worship Ways)

O God, all people are your Beloved,  
across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations  
and all the ways we are distinctive from one another.  
We are all manifestations of your image.  
*We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality  
and tied to a single garment of destiny.*  
You call us into your unending work  
of justice, peace and love.  
Let us know your presence among us now:  
Let us delight in our diversity  
that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty.  
Strengthen us with your steadfast love and  
transform our despairing fatigue into hope-filled action.  
Under the shadow of your wings in this hour  
may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope.  
We ask this, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Children's Time**

## **Centennial Moment**

## **Sacred Readings**

### **John 13:31a, 34-35**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

-- Bernice King

My father literally fought his entire life to ensure the inclusion of all people because he understood that we were intertwined and connected together in humanity.

--Verna Myers

"Diversity is being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance,"

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

## **Sermon CHARIS**

**Hymn Binder #70** "Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

**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 and  
touch the mystery that in our brokenness  
we become whole;

**Liturgist:** We 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 Binder #36** “Peace, Salaam, Shalom”

**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**

“This Little Light of Mine” Binder #20

### **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

### **Rainbow Fish Tree**

The Rainbow Fish Tree is an Epiphany tradition for our congregation. After Christmas, the tree in our sanctuary is decorated with a bright rainbow fish. We process to the front during the closing hymn and place ornaments on the Rainbow Fish Tree in symbolic commitment to a new world. Today we place colored fish on the tree indicating our commitment to work in solidarity with all to achieve well-being, justice and equity for God's creation through our inclusivity in our diversity..

**Hymn** Binder #27 “Sing a New Church”

**Benediction**

**Postlude**