

Peace UCC
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Prelude "I Come with Joy" David M. Cherwien
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Welcome

Opening Words by Bruce Prewer

Feed us with that soul-food which nurtures enough love within us
to outstrip the fears and enmity that ties the world up in knots.

FEED US NOW, CHILD OF GOD

Feed us with that spiritual bread which strengthens our hands
for serving those broken and lost people whom this world deems a waste of space.

FEED US NOW, CHILD OF GOD

Feed us, so that we may be fulfilled with some of that joy
which the universe cannot contain.

FEED US NOW. CHILD OF GOD

For your love's sake.
Amen.

Opening Response "Eat this Bread" Jacques Berthier

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of musical notation for the opening response. It features four staves: two for Soprano and Alto (treble clef, G-clef) and two for Tenor and Bass (bass clef, F-clef). The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry."

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Eath this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of musical notation for the opening response. It features four staves: two for Soprano and Alto (treble clef, G-clef) and two for Tenor and Bass (bass clef, F-clef). The music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Eath this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

Prayer of Invocation

Gracious life-giving God, you call us to live out our faith in ways that honor you and bless our neighbors,
and we recognize that worship is an essential part of our faith journey. We believe that what we do here in
worship does shape our daily witness to Jesus whose disciples we profess to be. We know that our faith is

most visible when we live by your kindom values of love, justice and peace. And so this morning we pray that in our worship the unfailing treasures of your kindom will shape and reshape our hearts and that our discipleship will be clear in our worship, our witness and our service, this day and in the week to come. Amen

The Witness of Music Dee Ban
"More Love" Shaker Hymn

Readings:

John 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Marcus J. Borg, Reading the Bible Again for the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously but Not Literally
"The way of Jesus is thus not a set of beliefs about Jesus. That people ever thought it was is strange, when we think about it — as if one entered new life by believing certain things to be true, or as if the only people who can be saved are those who know the word "Jesus". Thinking that way virtually amounts to salvation by syllables.

Rather, the way of Jesus is the way of death and resurrection — the path of transition and transformation from an old way of being to a new way of being. To use the language of incarnation that is so central to John, Jesus incarnates the way. Incarnation means embodiment. Jesus is what the way embodied in a human life looks like."

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

Sermon Rev. Al Schon

Hymn "Become to Us the Living Bread"

Be - come to us the liv - ing
Be - come the ne - ver fail - ing
May Chris - tians all with one ac -
bread wine, by the which spring the of Chris - tian that
cord u - nite the a - round that the
life shall is in - fed, re - newed, and
sa - cred cred - board, our - hearts to praise your
great - - ly com - fort - - ed,
bear the cov - enant sign,
ho - - ly name, O Lord,
Refrain
Nour - ish us God. Nour - ish us
God. Nour - ish us God.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How Shall We Join God's Work in the World

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join you in your work in the world.

Benediction

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