

## Music to Prepare Our Hearts

## Lighting of the Altar Candles

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

**Richard:** Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

**Many Voices:** God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

**Richard:** We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

**Many Voices:** God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

**Richard:** We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

**Many Voices:** God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

**Richard:** We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

**Many Voices:** Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

### \*Opening Hymn

“In Unity We Lift Our Song” (*verses 1 & 4*)

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### \*The Apostle’s Creed

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## Opening Prayer

**Richard:** Loving God, as we gather in your presence, we seek to put on the armor of light, and to live as your children. Help us cast aside the darkness and embrace the love that fulfills our law. Awaken us to your call, that we may walk in the light of Christ each day. In Jesus’ name, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

## Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

\*Doxology

\*Offering Prayer

**All:** Gracious and reconciling God, we bring these gifts before you as a symbol of our commitment to your work of peace and unity in the world. Just as you ask us to seek reconciliation with one another, we dedicate these offerings to the ministry of healing and restoration in our community and beyond. Bless these gifts, Lord, that they may build bridges where there are divides, bring hope where there is hurt, and extend your love to all. As we offer our resources, may we also offer our hearts, striving to live in harmony and peace, as Christ has taught us. Guide us in using these gifts wisely, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

## Scripture Readings

New Testament Lesson

Romans 13:8-14 (*CEB*)

**Richard:** The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Many Voices:** Thanks be to God.

**Responsive Song** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (*verse 1*)

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**Proclaiming** "Reconciliation is a Team Effort"

Pastor Dave

## Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

## Holy Communion

Invitation

**Pastor Dave:** Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession & Pardon

**Many Voices:** Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*[Silent Prayer]*

**Pastor Dave:** Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners: that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ; you are forgiven!

**Many Voices:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All:** Glory to God. Amen.

\*Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

**Pastor Dave:** The Lord be with you.

**Many Voices:** And also with you.

**Pastor Dave:** Lift up your hearts.

**Many Voices:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Pastor Dave:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many Voices:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Pastor Dave:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Many Voices: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Pastor Dave:** Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Many Voices: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**Pastor Dave:** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**Many Voices: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Sharing the Bread and Cup

**\*Closing Hymn**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Going Forth to the World**