

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Wally: Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

Many Voices: Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!

Wally: Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

Many Voices: Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.

Wally: Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.

Many Voices: Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Let's Sing unto the Lord"

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*Passing the Peace

Opening Prayer

Wally: Loving God, thank you for the great mercy and grace that draw us close to your holiness. Flow through our worship and through our lives with your holy presence and your forgiving grace, that we may be people of holy love and gracious forgiveness. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

All: Amen.

Blessing Our Children

Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

All: Merciful God, you part the waters when we feel trapped and forgive debts too great to repay. In the face of fear and brokenness, you lead us with compassion and grace. May the gifts we bring today reflect our deep gratitude for your mercy. Let them support ministries of reconciliation and acts of healing, justice, and welcome. Teach us to lead not with judgment, but with generosity, recognizing that what we have, we hold by your mercy. Bless these offerings and bless us as stewards of your kingdom, always seeking to build a world where grace is not rare but abundant. Amen.

Scripture Readings

New Testament Lesson

Romans 14:13-18 (CEB)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18: 21-35 (CEB)

Wally: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Song

"God, How Can We Forgive"

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Proclaiming

"Righteousness, Peace, and Joy"

Pastor Dave

Praying

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

"Freely, Freely"

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***Dismissal with Blessing**

Going Forth to the World