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**UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23)**

Because you, Lord, are our shepherd, we shall not want. You make us lie down in green pastures; you lead us beside still waters; you restore our soul. You lead us in right paths for your name's sake. Even though we walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil; for you are with us, your rod and your staff-- they comfort us. You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies; you anoint our heads with oil; our cups overflow. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow your people all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in your house forever.

#### **OPENING HYMN**

*I've got Peace Like a River*

I've got peace like a river,  
 I've got peace like a river,  
 I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
 I've got peace like a river,  
 I've got peace like a river,  
 I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a river,  
 I've got joy like a river,  
 I've got joy like a river in my soul.  
 I've got joy like a river,  
 I've got joy like a river,  
 I've got joy like a river in my soul.

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

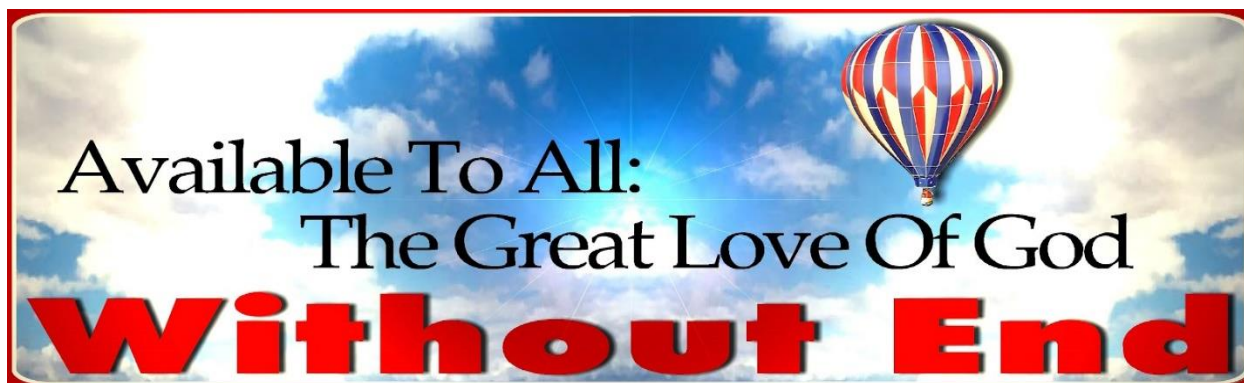
Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

#### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open and from whom nothing is hidden, we acknowledge you as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We thank you for your lovingkindness, longsuffering, and amazing grace. Please forgive our sins and deliver us from evil. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Brothers and sisters believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. According to Scripture, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

Ephesians 4: 1-6, 11-12

As a prisoner in the Lord, then, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have received: with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, and with diligence to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. And it was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for works of ministry, to build up the body of Christ. (Berean Study Bible)

### **SECOND READING**

Acts 2: 42-47

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place [in Jerusalem] and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— 47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. (New Living Translation)

## **THE SERMON**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**COMMUNION HYMN***Let Us break Bread Together<sup>1</sup>*

1. Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)  
 let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)  
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)  
 let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)  
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

3. Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)  
 let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)  
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
 They will come from east and west,  
 and from north and south,  
 and sit at table in the kingdom of God.  
 According to Luke,  
 when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,  
 he took the bread, and blessed and broke it,  
 and gave it to them.  
 Then their eyes were opened  
 and they recognized him.  
 This is the Lord's table.  
 Our Savior invites those who trust him  
 to share the feast which he has prepared.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THE MINISTER**


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<sup>1</sup> [www.christianmusicandhymns.com/2015/06/let-us-break-bread-together-famous.html/Famous](http://www.christianmusicandhymns.com/2015/06/let-us-break-bread-together-famous.html/Famous) Negro Spiritual and story

Almighty, we praise your creating power and divine care: in making the world; establishing the covenant; giving the law, speaking truth through the prophets; showing mercy in spite of our sin; and above all, through the gift of Jesus Christ.

### **THE PEOPLE**

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.

### **THE MINISTER BLESSES THE BREAD AND WINE-**

In the words of the Apostle Paul as recorded in 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26, I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

### **ALL**

Lord, we remember  
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

### **THE MINISTER CONTINUES**

God, today you have called us together to be the church. Unite us now at your table, and in one loaf and a common cup, make us one in Christ Jesus. Let your Spirit empower the life we share and ignite our witness in the world. With all who have gone before us, keep us faithful to the gospel teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Give us strength to serve you until the promised day of the resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

GRACIOUS GOD POUR YOUR SPIRIT ON US AND UPON THESE YOUR GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE, THAT THE BREAD WE BREAK AND THE CUP WE BLESS MAY BE THE COMMUNION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST. BY YOUR SPIRIT UNITE US WITH THE LIVING CHRIST AND WITH ALL WHO ARE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THAT WE MAY BE ONE IN MINISTRY IN EVERY PLACE. AS THIS BREAD REPRESENTS CHRIST'S BROKEN FOR US, SEND US OUT TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

### **BREAKING THE BREAD AND RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS- take, eat and drink**

This is the body of Christ, that was broken for you. (eat the bread)

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. (drink the wine)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom 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 also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. **Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Bless be the Tie That Binds<sup>2</sup>*

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne,  
We pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts, and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, our savior and friend;  
May the love of God, binding us together and building us up;  
May the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, knitting us together as a church family;  
Be with us until we meet again. **Amen.**

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<sup>2</sup> John Fawcett, pub.1782