



WELCOME!

We gather as the Body of Christ, a fellowship of believers, who chose to live by the 12 Steps. Worship strengthens our spiritual life, and enables us to more completely “turn our life and our will over to the care of God.”

LET GO
LET GOD

WE GREET EACH OTHER

Meet & Greet

Welcome to Recovery Worship today! A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially we welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence enriches us and this time of celebration together. — we're glad you're here!

Announcements

for the life of our community...

Celebrations!

Sobriety anniversaries and other milestones. Feel free to raise your hand and share!

WE GREET GOD

Serenity Prayer

All: **God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will, that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.**

-Reinhold Niebuhr

Gathering Words

Leader: Let us turn our minds from thinking only of ourselves.

People: **Our faith in Jesus changes us.**

Leader: Let us set our minds on the things of God.

People: **Our faith in Jesus enlightens us.**

Leader: We will deny ourselves to gain true life.

People: **Our faith in Jesus give us true life.**

Leader: We will lose all; that we may gain all.

People: **Our faith in Jesus saves us.**



Song

Gather Us In.....TFWS #2236 and/or on the screen

Please stand, if you are able, to sing

Giving Back to God

Response: "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

please stand, if you are able, to sing:

**We give Thee but Thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is Thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

WE LISTEN TO GOD AND EACH OTHER Reading, from God's Book

Mark 8:34-37 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

³⁴ Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples. He said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must say no to themselves. They must pick up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ Whoever wants to save their life will lose it. But whoever loses their life for me and for the good news will save it. ³⁶ What good is it if someone gains the whole world but loses their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone trade for their soul?"

Children's Message

The children are invited to come forward and spend a few moments just for them!

Time for Sharing

... Tell us about a time you let go and let God.

Message

Gaining True Life

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Song

Where He Leads Me.....#338 and/or on the screen

Please stand, if you are able, to sing



We Are Honest With God

People: **Today we face the challenge which true commitment brings. Are we willing to offer our whole selves to you? We would like to think that we can do that, but we are aware of how many times we have turned away from you and instead focused on our own desires. Remind us again of the commitment you would have us give if we are to surrender ourselves to you. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Lead us forward, gracious Lord, up these steps toward true life that can be found in you. Amen.**

Words of Assurance & Pardon

Leader: The journey of life with God is never easy; but you can be assured that you will not be on this journey alone. Place your trust in Jesus. You are loved and you are forgiven.

People: **AMEN.**

Prayers of the People

Please raise your hand if you have a prayer request, we respond to each request with:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

People: **Hear our prayer.**



Holy Communion

Every week at Recovery Worship we gather around the Lord's Table and share in Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome at the table, regardless of your religious tradition or age. We use wafers or bread and grape juice.

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: The risen Christ is with us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Here, at this Table, offer praises to God.

People: **We rejoice, offering our thanks to the One who is made known to us here.**

Leader: On the night in which Jesus 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."

Likewise, 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."

All: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. 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 the same Spirit heal us in body, mind and spirit, cleansing away all that would separate us from you. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be a community of love, extending that love to all the world. Amen.

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Come feast at the Lord's Table... ALL ARE WELCOME!

Song during communion: TFWS #2126 and/or on the screen

WE GO TO SERVE GOD AND OTHERS **Encouragement Circle** *Join us in a circle*

Benediction

Lord's Prayer as below:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

We conclude by saying together:

"God be with you 'til we meet again!"